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CURRENT TOPICS.

The Empress of China is learning how to box.

The anti-saloon agitation has spread to Canada.

The population of Paris has decreased 115,000 in four years.

The heir to the throne of Holland is a weakly child not yet in its teens.

London correspondents all dwell upon the large number of Americans in that city.

Wilkie Collins, now in full health, has returned to London, there to pass a busy winter.

Robinson Crusoe has just had a monument erected to his memory at Largo, Scotland.

In a single province of Russia three thousand operatives are employed making accordions.

Edwin Booth has never seen any one play Hamlet since, as a mere boy, he saw his father.

Prince Alexander's court is simply a military household where ceremony is little thought of.

A party of school teachers left Chicago, a few days ago, on an excursion to the New Orleans Exposition.

There are 140 policemen in Central Park, New York, and more than half of them are on trial for various charges.

A telephone line has been run to the Vanderbilt vault for the convenience of the guards who are on watch there.

There are some $40,000 still wanting to put the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World on its pedestal.

Since Pasteur's discovery of a cure for hydrophobia, the number of persons bitten by mad dogs seems to be increasing.

George Bancroft, the historian, is the only private citizen who has been given the right to the floor of Congress at all times.

A man of San Diego, Cal., has written a pamphlet to prove that the earth is in imminent danger of a second deluge in 1892.

M. Adolph Deucher, at present Vice President of Switzerland, has been elected President for the year 1886. He is a Radical.

The total number of varieties of grapes now raised in this country is not far from 200, and new ones are appearing every year.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has coined a fresh word, "gynephobia," to cover the case of men who have "a constitutional horror of women."

The Pope, who is an expert Latin versifier, has just presented Prince Bismarck with an elegant bound copy of his latest volume of poems.

Candidus, the Philadelphia tenor singer whom the Germans call Condedoos, has been hired to sing sixty-five weeks in New York at $1,000 a week.

Emperor William will on the 3d of January next, should he live, celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Prussia.

Count de Ligival, a French nobleman, aged twenty-six, has just been married to a widow of seventy-two. Her fortune is valued at 6,000,000 francs.

Mr. Vanderbilt was [illegible] that he could have given every man, woman and child in America a $5 Christmas present and have had $10,000,000 left.

The original "old Black Joe" is dead, at the venerable age of 124. But the song will be older than that before the last of it is heard at the minstrels.

There is a sort of clothes-pin arrangement coming from Paris that makes artificial dimples in the girl of the period's cheeks after one application.

Mrs. Grundy remarks in the *New York Mail and Express*, that many a hired girl has more credit among tradespeople and modistes than her mistress.

There are indications of a revival of the sugar-making craze at the North, and there are farmers who hope that they can manufacture their own "sweetening."

Chang, the Chinese giant, has lost $25,000 which he made with Barnum, investing in an Australian coal mine. He now heaves all his size when he thinks of it.

"It is absolutely impossible," said Lord Rosebery in a recent address in Scotland, "that in the future war could ever take place between the United States and England."

South Dakota pursues the Michigan plan of getting into the Union. But because the forcing process was once successful it isn't necessary to suppose that it will succeed in this case.

Hammered gold-top canes are taking the place of the silver tipped ones among Beau Brummells, but it is also well to bear in mind these deceptive days that "all is not gold that glitters."

The late Marshal Serrano, of Spain during his political career saw eighty-four changes of ministry in that country, forty rebellions and twelve changes in the head of the State.

Erastus Hinsdale was the first manufacturer of jewelry in the United States. He commenced business at Newark, N. J., about 1798. The business is now estimated at $40,000,000 annually.

In Philadelphia the Superintendent of the Electrical Department gives notice that over-head wires will be cut if not removed, in accordance with law, on or before January 1 next.

A portrait of Cleopatra, painted on stone, is offered for sale at the modest figure of $20,000. The painting dates from the time of Augustus, and was taken from the Villa of Hadrian.

Pasteur's treatment for the cure of hydrophobia is meeting with success, and the great scientist is receiving patients suffering from the dreadful malady from all sections of the civilized world.

After a lapse of many years it has transpired that the estate of Thaddeus Stevens remains unsettled. Every now and then some new claim turns up or some new relative appears for a slice.

Seth Kinman, the famous and venerable California hunter, has spent the past thirty years in manufacturing elkhorn chairs for successive Presidents, and is now preparing one for Grover Cleveland. But most of the incumbents have been sufficiently satisfied with the Presidential chair.

Annahoots, chief of the Sitka Indians, is having a cane carved to present to President Cleveland. The wood is of yellow cedar, a most durable and beautiful wood peculiar to Alaska, and the designs to be carved upon it will be legendary imitations of the idols worshiped by the devout of his people.

A suit brought by Spiritualists against the town of Randolph, Vt., to obtain a share of the town's money for the support of the Gospel, has been decided in favor of the town by the Supreme Court.

The Japanese propose to establish a postal banking system to receive deposits in small amounts from students and pupils of the public schools. The idea is to encourage habits of thrift and economy in the young.

It is estimated that it will cost the Canadian Government $100,000 to reimburse the grocers and saloon-keepers who obtained their license under the Dominion liquor act, which the Privy Council has declared unconstitutional.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

A Sensation Created at Omaha, Neb.

Ex-Mayor Murphy and His Family Believed to Have Been Poisoned.

Omaha, Neb., December 27.—Patrick F. Murphy, aged forty, Ex-Mayor of Omaha died to-night, after only a few days illness, from a mysterious malady. Several members of the family were taken peculiarly sick about a week ago. Mrs. Murphy first showed signs of sickness. She had pains in her back and shoulders, and her throat became sore. She doctored herself, and became apparently well again. Two days later Mr. Murphy was affected with the same symptoms, though not serious at first, but Mrs. Murphy was again attacked and two children soon experienced similar feelings. Then Mr. Murphy became worse. He rallied, however, and seemed on the way to recovery till this morning, when he was taken with violent cramps, which grew worse until this evening, when he died. The doctor in attendance declares the cause of death was ptomaine poisoning, the result of eating chicken which had been frozen and then allowed to become partially decomposed. Murphy had eaten only a small portion of the chicken, and another member of the family who ate heartily, has not, as yet, been attacked. Mrs. Murphy also ate very sparingly of chicken, and several circumstances seem to indicate the intentional poisoning by some outside party, and several physicians declare that ptomaine poisoning could not have resulted under the conditions of the case.

MONTANA JUSTICE.

The Inmates of a Jail Taken Out, Whipped, and Warned Not to Return.

Butte, M. T., December 27.—For a long time Butte has been infested by a gang of cutthroats, whose robberies and other depredations have filled honest men with fear for both life and property. The patience of the people was exhausted this week by the arrest of a wretch named Nelson, who had been insulting little girls, and kindled the long-smothered indignation into a flame. As a consequence a vigilance committee of two hundred masked men took matters in hand and last night overpowered the City Jailer, took the prisoners confined there up Missoula Gulch, and there turned them loose, with a stern warning that death awaited their return. It is difficult to ascertain just what punishment was awarded the jail birds on arriving at Missoula Gulch. It is, however, generally understood that the beast Nelson received forty stripes on the bare back, which were put on with a strong arm and a hearty good will. Another report states that he was hanged in Horse Canyon. The Sheriff has left for the scene. The affair has created great excitement in the city.

AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

An Old Man Arrested in Missouri for a Murder Committed in Kentucky.

Sedalia, Mo., December 27.—James L. Sigmond, a brother of one of the most prominent citizens of this (Pettis) county was brought to this city last night by a detective, and turned over to the Sheriff of Rock Castle County, Ky., to which place he will be taken to answer for a murder committed twenty-five years ago. The prisoner was arrested at his home in Trenton, Grundy County, where he has resided for four years. After committing the murder he entered the Union army, and at the close of the war he came to this county, where he resided until his whereabouts was discovered by detectives, when he fled, going to Trenton. He is now an old man, and the father of quite a large family.

Terrible Lamp Explosion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 27.—Mrs. Barbara Meyers and her two-year-old child died to-day from injuries received last night by the explosion of a lamp which the little one, who was playing about the room, accidentally upset. Almost instantly there was an explosion, which scattered the burning fluid over the room, the flames enveloping the mother and child. In her fright Mrs. Meyers jumped from a second-story window and, besides being terribly burned, received injuries which resulted in her death this morning. The baby, who was burned almost to a crisp, died during the night and both were buried this afternoon.

Balked on a Railway.

Detroit, December 27.—A *Free Press* special from Lennox says: James Gregg, a well to do farmer, and his son this morning were driving to church and their horse balked while on the railroad track. Before they could get away an approaching passenger train struck the father, who was trying to lift the buggy off the track, and threw him over a culvert and through a fence, breaking a leg and otherwise injuring him so that he died before help arrived. His son was thrown from the buggy and had his hip dislocated.

New Comet Discovered by Prof. Brooks.

Rochester, N. Y., December 27.—Prof. Swift of the Warner Observatory in this city, last evening received a telegram from Prof. Brooks, of Phelps, announcing the discovery of another comet. It is in the constellation of Aquila, which in the early evening is low in the southwest. The new comet is situated about six degrees south of Alpha, and is described as "bright," and having a slow easterly motion. Prof. Swift last evening found a star of the sixth magnitude.

Craig Tolliver's Wounds.

Morehead, Ky., December 27.—Craig Tolliver who was shot through the lungs by Asbury Crist will probably recover. Crist pretended to be one of Tolliver's best friends. Crist made his escape. Physicians left here this morning to attend him. The present attending physician reports Tolliver doing well, and no reason why he should not recover. He has been removed three miles to a cousin's home, where he will receive the usual kind attention. Everything is quiet here.

A Minister Insane Over the Faith Cure.

Columbus, O., December 27.—About a year ago Rev. John W. Waite, a Methodist minister of this city, was pronounced insane and sent to the Central Asylum. He was discharged as cured some six months ago, since which time he has visited in and about this city. A few days ago he had a second attack, and was arrested to-day, and will be re-committed to-morrow. He went insane on the faith cure. It is a very sad case.

Young Lady Kicked Fatally by a Horse.

Reading, Pa., December 27.—Miss Neida Heffley, an attractive young lady of Molltown, this county, daughter of James Heffley, a prominent farmer, was kicked on the head by a horse last evening, and sustained injuries which will prove fatal. Her skull was crushed by the blow.

Forestry in France.

Paris, December 27.—Senator J. Hampden Robb, of New York City, a member of the Niagara Park Commission, has arrived in Paris. The French Government has granted him every facility for the study of the practical operation of the laws affecting forestry in France.

Fatal Accident to Builders.

Reading, Pa., December 23.—This morning while Daniel and Jacob Himes, masons, and Frank Lessing laborer, all of Pottstown, were driving to work the wagon broke down and their horse ran away. Jacob Himes was thrown on the road and killed. Daniel Himes had his scalp torn off, exposing the skull and suffered bodily injuries. He is in a critical condition. Lessing received slight injuries.

Big Haul by Burglars.

Sharon, Pa., December 26.—Burglars on Christmas eve blew open the safe in Rice's store at Jamestown, this county, and secured $6,000 booty. An unsuccessful attempt was made on the safes of the American Express Company.

TERRIBLE FRIGHT.

Three Hundred Panic-Stricken People Hemmed in Around a Blazing Christmas-Tree—108 Badly Burned.

Chicago, December 25.—This afternoon about 4 o'clock all the patients in the County Hospital who were able to be moved, all the nurses and doctors, and a number of visitors were assembled in the clinical amphitheater of the hospital to witness Christmas exercises for the children. The room is very small, about thirty feet high, with a circle of seats reaching almost to the ceiling. In the center was an immense Christmas tree, laden with toys and gayly illuminated by tapers. About fifty children were grouped about the tree singing a Christmas carol to open the exercises. As Santa Claus entered the room the upper portion of the tree took fire, and in a moment the entire tree was ablaze. When the fire was at its height most of the children were marched out of the room by the lower door. The remaining people in the room, nearly three hundred in number, became panic stricken. The heat and flame cut off exit by the lower door. There was a rush for the upper door, the only remaining exit, and a few escaped through it, but the passage was soon blocked. Volumes of dense black smoke soon collected in the upper part of the room, where the mass of humanity was crowding and screaming first from fright and then from agony for the heat was terrible. A scene of indescribable terror ensued. The heat blistered the faces and hands of the victims and one man's beard took fire. Great suffering was caused by inhaling the heated atmosphere. The fire burned until the Christmas tree was stripped. Order was finally restored. No one in the room escaped injury, about fifty persons were badly burned among them two reporters. By six o'clock the doctors, themselves badly singed, had cared for the wounded, and the excitement has subsided. Cries of fire had gone through all the wards of the hospital and for a time there was consternation among the helpless patients. A later survey of the situation shows that at least one hundred persons were injured, the greater part receiving bruises by being trampled by their panic stricken neighbors. A number of children patients had been brought into the chapel in their cots. Before they could be removed several suffered from the smoke and fright, and one or two were slightly burned. The excitement was intense, and but for the coolness of Warden McGarrigle and some attaches of the hospital lives would certainly have been lost. The persons most seriously injured were Miss Wilkinson, a nurse, who inhaled hot air and smoke; Mr. A. C. Bartlett of the firm of Hibbard, Bartlett & Spencer, together with Miss Bartlett, Mrs. A. N. Carpenter and other lady visitors were slightly injured, so also were E. N. May and N. A. MacMillan respectively reporters of the *Tribune* and *Herald*.

TREED BY A HIPPOPOTAMUS.

Thrilling Experience of a Philadelphia Keeper With the Aquatic Monster.

Philadelphia, Pa., December 27.—Head keeper Byrne, at the Zoological Garden had a thrilling experience early yesterday morning with the peculiar traits sometimes evidenced by the large hippopotamus. The amphibian has a large double cage and on one side his comforts are provided for in a large water front. The habits of the large beast are such that he spends a great deal more of his time in the water than he does out of it, much to the disgust of the garden patrons. Keeper Byrne noticed this trait and was much annoyed at it. Behind heard visitors remark that they did not believe there was a hippopotamus in the garden. So yesterday morning the keeper raised one of the iron bars in the hippopotamus' cage, and, climbing in with a stick in hand proceeded gallantly to investigate the reason why the animal staid under the water so much. He crossed a narrow plank bridge over the basin, near the wall, and began prodding and splashing around with the stick in search for evidence of animal existence beneath. He had the pleasure of discovering it quicker than he expected, and the opportunity of looking, for the first time in his life, down into the horrid depths of a hippopotamus' jaws. The big, clumsy beast became angered, his large head bobbed up from the surface of the water at a point where it effectually cut off Keeper Byrne's retreat. The keeper saw this dismay and, what was worse, the large beast was slowly wadding over toward him with jaws wide open. There was only one avenue of escape left to the imprisoned keeper, a narrow eight-foot ladder on the wall on the side of the basin, and this he mounted. The hippopotamus did not drop the siege, however. He moved over toward the ladder and kept his mouth open for Mr. Byrne to look into. The keeper called lustily for help, which did not disturb the animal in the least. After calling furiously two hours the attention of an under keeper in the elephant house was attracted, and vigorous methods were made to coax the animal over towards the bars. Finally the hippopotamus was lured away from his victim with tempting morsels of food and the caged keeper made his escape.

A MORNING FIRE.

In Which Three Children Were Burned and Others Very Narrowly Escaped.

New York, December 25.—Fire started at an early this morning in a two story frame dwelling in one Hundred and Forty-sixth street, near King's Bridge road, which was owned by Daniel [illegible] and occupied by Patrick [illegible] and his family. The occupants were [illegible] when the fire started. They were [illegible] by the smoke pouring into the rooms. The smoke was so thick through the rooms and halls that escape was made most difficult. Patrick [illegible], however, found his way out and gave an alarm. When the firemen reached the scene the building was in flames. Soon after the entire structure was consumed. Mr. Driscoll, his wife Mary, and a son named Patrick, were severely burned while escaping. Three children, however, were burned to death. They were John, Julius and Mary, aged respectively seventeen, fourteen and seven years. Their charred remains were found soon after the fire was subdued.

George Washington's Fiddle.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., December 23.—At a recent concert given at Charleston, in Jefferson County, this State, a violin was used which at one time belonged to General George Washington. This venerable relic is now the property of Mr. Thomas B. Washington, who received it from Judge Bushrod Washington at Mt. Vernon. A card on the inside of the instrument shows that it was manufactured by Jacob Steiner, a celebrated German workman, in the year 1675. It is, therefore, over two hundred years old. The violin, in its original case, a quaint old box, was presented to the audience by Hon. W. L. Wilson, member of Congress from the Second District.

International Exposition of 1892.

Washington, December 27.—A bill will be introduced in Congress this winter to aid the International Exposition, which is to be held in Chicago in 1892 to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. The exposition will probably be planned after the Centennial at Philadelphia, and legislation will likely be asked of Congress similar to that in aid of the Centennial.

Queen Christina to be Regent.

London, December 28.—A dispatch from Madrid to the *Morning Post* states that Queen Christina will take the oath of office as regent of Spain before the Cortes on Thursday next, the 31st inst.

Mourning Emblems to be Removed.

Washington, December 25.—The date of the official mourning for Vice President Hendricks (thirty days) expired to-day. To-morrow the black drapings on the public buildings will be removed. The cost of draping all the public buildings here is about $10,000.

A Car-Load of Jewelry Stolen.

Milton, Ont., December 23.—Early this morning burglars broke into the jewelry store of Ramsay & Co. and carried off a cart-load of jewelry, silverware, money, etc. The store was cleaned out. The stolen goods were worth thousands of dollars.

Twelve thieves on railroad lands in Alabama are to be prosecuted.

A CITY IN FLAMES.

Disastrous Conflagration at Vincennes, Ind.—Terre Haute and Evansville Asked for Assistance.

Vincennes, Ind., December 24.—A destructive fire broke out at 11 o'clock last night in McJimsey's livery stable, on Third street, opposite the Grand Hotel. A strong northwest wind was blowing, and in less than five minutes the immense structure was a mass of seething flames. For a time a perfect panic ensued, and people were wild with excitement. The Fire Department worked bravely and strove to get the fire under control but it seemed at length to be of no use, as the flames rolled across the street to the Grand Hotel. Gardner & Sons' large undertaking and furniture establishment was soon in a blaze and at this writing both establishments are in flames, and not an iota of prospect to save them. The fire at 12 o'clock is sweeping down on Second street, and the wind and flames are playing frightful havoc. There is the strongest kind of a possibility of this being the worst fire in Vincennes' history. McJimsey is insured for $4,000. He lost thirty-five to forty head of horses and about one hundred buggies. Heavy loss; probably $8,000. The Grand Hotel was vacated two months ago, and had no occupants and no furniture. Loss on building $25,000 to $35,000, partially insured. Gardner's undertaking establishment was full of goods of all kinds. Total loss about $15,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

At 12:25 a. m. Mayor Wilhelm has telegraphed Terre Haute and Evansville for assistance, and aid will reach us in an hour. Vincennes is now in great distress and her people are wild with fear and excitement. The Fire Department here is about exhausted. Two engines have been playing on the flames for two hours, but the flames increase. At two o'clock this morning the fire is still raging, the Grand Hotel is a total ruin. The loss on the whole is estimated at $50,000 to $60,000. It is strongly hoped that the fire is checked and under control.

A MINE DISASTER.

Fifty or More Miners Killed and Scores Wounded.

London, December 23.—A dispatch from Ponty Pridd, Wales, reports that a terrible colliery explosion has occurred at the Ferndale Pit near there and that four hundred miners are entombed. A later dispatch says that twelve dead bodies have been taken out and thirty miners have been rescued, more or less injured. The remainder of those who were in the mine at the time of the explosion are believed to be safe. The explosion occurred in the upper of the two seams. There were 750 men in the [illegible] the time of the explosion. The ma[illegible] were in the lower seam otherwise the [illegible] list would have been much larger [illegible] least fifty men were killed in the [illegible] seam and scores were terribly burn[illegible] injured were carried to places of sa[illegible] their more fortunate companions w[illegible] not been hurt. The latest dispatche[illegible] the Ferndale pit say that 39 m[illegible] been rescued, seven of whom are [illegible] fully feared that they may die.

TRICHINOSIS.

A Cleveland Family Seriously A[illegible] Eating Raw Ham.

Cleveland, O., December 2[illegible] ily of George V. Korell, of th[illegible] Woltman & Korell, carriage m[illegible] ers, have for the past ten days b[illegible] considerable raw ham. Severa[illegible] the father and two children be[illegible] a peculiar sickness. O[illegible] last Mr. Korell's conditio[illegible] serious, but the raw meat was [illegible] associated by him with his i[illegible] the same day Mrs. Korell pa[illegible] ham for lunch. This morning [illegible] came ill, and a physician was [illegible] He at once suspected what [illegible] was, and inquired what th[illegible] been eating. They brought h[illegible] the ham, which was submitted [illegible] scopical examination. The s[illegible] placed on the glass contained [illegible] more of trichina spiralis. The [illegible] attending these cases are th[illegible] trichinosis, diarrhea, headache[illegible] and sharp pains in the muscles o[illegible] The disease had made such progr[illegible] the physician was summoned th[illegible] termination is gravely apprehen[illegible]

THE DEAD MINERS.

A Shaft to be Sunk Over Their [illegible] Whereabouts in the Blocked [illegible]

Wilkesbarre, Pa., December [illegible] further discussion and consultatio[illegible] engineers at Nanticoke to-day the c[illegible] tually decided to sink a new sha[illegible] the surface at a point [illegible] rectly above where the bo[illegible] the buried miners are suppose[illegible] be. This shaft will be about 125 feet deep and will take from four to six weeks to sink even with the most rapid work. The excavating of the blockaded gangway from the foot of the slope is being steadily carried on day and night, but it is a very slow process and months will elapse before the mine is cleared. Prayers were offered this morning in every church throughout the Wyoming Valley for the unfortunate men.

TERRIBLE DOUBLE FATALITY.

One Man Chopped to Pieces by Machinery and Another Falls Dead at the Fearful Spectacle.

New York, December 23.—Joseph Walsh went into the Brooklyn sugar refinery yesterday afternoon, and while looking at some machinery fell backward into one of the circular cutting mills and was chopped to pieces. The machinery was stopped and the remains of the unfortunate man were gathered up and removed by a friend named Frederick Bird. He carried the remains out to the dock and then went back to the sugar house. He was very white, and great drops of perspiration rolled down his face. He could hardly walk, and upon reaching his work, sank into a chair. The sight had overcome him. After a short time Bird rose to his feet, but reeled and fell dead of heart disease, occasioned by the excitement.

The Armistice Ratified.

Vienna, December 23.—A dispatch from Belgrade announces that King Milan has ratified the armistice proposed by the commission, and has ordered the evacuation of the Pirot district to be commenced at once. It is understood from reliable sources that much dissension exists at the Servian headquarters, the King standing almost alone in his determination to preserve peace. His officers consider the terms of the armistice a national disgrace. The Emperor has congratulated the commission upon the success of their labors. A dispatch from Semlin states that fifty deserters have been executed at Nissa. Even these severe measures do not deter the dissatisfied Servian soldiers from leaving their colors. Large numbers take advantage of every opportunity to escape over the Bulgarian and Austrian frontiers.

Wolves Among Illinois Sheep.

Hillsboro, Ill., December 23.—Wolves in large numbers are playing havoc among the sheep. One farmer lost twenty-five out of a flock of sixty one night this week. The woods seem to be full of wolves, and the farmers are making vigorous efforts to exterminate them.

An Indiana Farmer Drops Dead.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27.—Samuel Arnold, a farmer residing six miles from this city, dropped dead this evening, presumably from heart disease. He was sixty-five years of age.

Made Insane by Reading the Bible.

Decatur, Ill., December 23.—M[illegible] Stephen Maiden, of Long Creek To[illegible] aged thirty, the mother of two sm[illegible] ren, suddenly became dangerously [illegible] displaying her violence by tryi[illegible] both her children. She [illegible] them by the limbs and dash[illegible] across the room, injuring one [illegible] Her husband had a desperate str[illegible] the woman, not subduing her [illegible] had torn his clothing badly. [illegible] was apparently well a week [illegible] she began reading the Bible [illegible] read Jeremiah principally, an[illegible] that she and her family were l[illegible] She is now in the County Jail.

A. T. Mueck, of Baltimore has [illegible] is incurably insane.

A HORRID DEATH.

Chained to a Tree and Slowly Roasted.

Alabama Negro's Punishment for a Brutal Murder.

[illegible], Ala., December 25.—Friday week, at Gainestown, Clark County, Ala., young lady, Carrie Boyer, aged seventeen, was waylaid while on her way home [illegible] a neighbor's. She was found dying with a bullet hole in the back of her neck and with her skull crushed in. A broken gunstock with blood upon it was found in the road. The gunstock was recognized as belonging to Alex. Reid, a negro living near at hand. Reid fled when the avengers came for him. The barrel of the broken gun was found in Reid's house. It had blood and hair upon [illegible] of Clark and adjoining counties, both whites and blacks, organized a hunt for the murderer. Two negroes captured him Thursday at the county line. The march to Gainestown was participated in by hundreds of men. At several places along the route the inhabitants turned out and demanded a lynching, but the guard passed on in silence until the spot was reached where the crime was committed. At two o'clock yesterday Reid was chained to a tree. He confessed that he had done the deed. He said that his gun went off accidentally and that he was forced by circumstances to complete the murder. The men then built a pen of light wood around the criminal. The negro shouted for mercy, but the flame was quickly applied. After burning awhile, the embers were scattered and a new pen built up, the negro meantime suffering intense agony. This process was repeated three times before death came to his relief. This is the second instance of the kind in the same place. About seven years ago a negro preacher who murdered an old lady and a little boy and outraged a little girl, was in similar manner tied to the stake and roasted to death.

CUT HER INFANT'S THROAT.

A Mother Reports That a Cat Killed Her Child, but the Evidence Points to Herself.

P[illegible], December [illegible] A [illegible] at tore the throat of a ten months old child of Mrs. Annie Gaskins, of No. [illegible] West York street in the middle of the night. When Mrs. Gaskins [illegible] in her child was dead [illegible] own the [illegible] room [illegible] During the [illegible] jumped across the floor from the [illegible] and Mrs. Gaskins arose and opened [illegible] to let it out, but did not then discover that it had attacked the child. Mrs. Gaskins, the mother, has been arrested on the charge of murdering the child [illegible] that no blood was found upon the clothes; that the floor of an outhouse [illegible] stained [illegible] secreted in the outhouse, and that [illegible] in the child's throat seems to be [illegible] than to have been produced by [illegible] of claws, are held by the police [illegible] clearly to the fact that the child [illegible] An inquest will be held to [illegible].

Treaty With Venezuela.

[illegible], December 28.—A treaty [illegible] concluded with Venezuela of [illegible] interest to a large number of claimants [illegible] Indiana and other parts of the [illegible] The President gave notice of its [illegible] completion in his message. It was [illegible] at the State Department on [illegible] and laid before [illegible] just before adjournment. It [illegible] for a new mixed commission of [illegible] members to meet in Washington, [illegible] one is to be named by each Government and these are to choose a third. [illegible] they can not agree, the Russian or [illegible] Minister at Washington upon [illegible] of the Minister of Venezuela [illegible] State Department, is to name [illegible] The commission is to con[illegible] evidence before the former com[illegible] and to take such additional evi[illegible] the various parties in interest [illegible] All moneys now in the State [illegible] and all that may be paid no[illegible] awards are to be distributed as [illegible] Commissioner may direct.

Bounty to Soldiers.

Washington, December 28.—The decision [illegible] Second Comptroller relative to the payment of bounty to soldiers discharged [illegible] promotion, as published, has been misunderstood, and many letters based on a misconception of the scope of the decision are being received at the Treasury Department. The acting Second Comptroller decided that the word "discharged" has the same meaning and should receive the same interpretation in the act as in the general orders, and that a soldier who was discharged for promotion was "honorably discharged" within the meaning of General Order 15, and that Rule 2 of the rules and regulations adopted by the accounting officers under the act of April 22, 1872, be rescinded.

Fatal Elevator Accident.

Elmira, N. Y., December 28.—Peter B. Howell, Supervising Architect at the Reformatory, was killed this afternoon while riding on the freight elevator. He had reached the top floor, and attempted to step off before the elevator stopped when he was caught between the floor and the carriage. His body was cut almost in two and dropped forty feet. Mr. Howell was widely known as an architect and builder.

Tobacco Growers Ask Protection.

Elmira, N. Y., December 28.—The importation of Sumatra tobacco has proved so injurious to the tobacco interests of this vicinity that an organization for purposes of protection is being undertaken. A representative of growers in the Chemung, Canasteo and Tioga Valleys will be sent to Washington to urge Congress to increase the duty on the Sumatra leaf.

Another Patient for Pasteur.

Lowell, Mass., December 28.—Charles Jacobs, of Groton, Mass., has sailed for Paris to receive treatment from M. Pasteur. His arm was lacerated a short time ago by the teeth of a horse to which he was administering medicine. The horse had been bitten by a dog that showed signs of hydrophobia.

Woman Fatally Burned.

Shamokin, Pa., December 28.—Last night two large houses were destroyed by fire, caused by an explosion of a kerosene lamp in the hands of Mrs. John Bernaski, a tenant, who was fatally burned. A number of boarders jumped from the second-story window, one had an arm broken and was badly burned.

—A farmer of Washington Territory loaned his dog to a man on Snake River to whom he had sold a flock of sheep to drive home, a distance of thirty miles. The drover found the dog so useful that, instead of sending him home, he locked him up. The dog escaped, and, concluding the drover had no more right to keep the sheep than to lock him up, he collected all that had belonged to his master and drove them home again.—*Chicago Times.*

—From 1874 to 1878 the consumption of wine in England was 92,636,329 gallons, while from 1879 to 1883 it was 80,120,994. This decline of over twelve and a half millions represents a saving of over $30,000,000 in expenditure. A careful estimate has it that the entire "drink bill" of England for 1876 was [illegible]7,000,000, while that of 1881 was [illegible] than £127,000,000, a decline of [illegible]000,000, or $100,000,000.

—African travelers agree that elephant steaks are very tough. It took [illegible] half an hour to eat a square [illegible] of elephant meat.

—Absolute stagnation does not exist anywhere in the ocean, not even at the [illegible] depths.—*N. Y. Herald.*

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

There has been considerable interest attracted to the market for dark and heavy styles by the contest between a New York combination and the buyer for the Spanish contractor for the purchase of dark and heavy lugs and common to low medium leaf. The competition has been brisk at times, with alternating lulls, but no reaction has occurred from the advance, which places those grades $1@1.75 higher than the prices of December 1. As the details of the matter are understood, the Spanish contractor is said to be behind about 7,000 hogsheads in the supply for his January tender, and the New York combination control about that quantity, which represents practically the entire visible supply. They are, therefore, willing to accommodate the contractor by transferring him this stock, but if he refuses to see the point they want to make him pay big prices for what he may buy elsewhere. It is obviously his privilege this year to deliver new tobacco of a requisite grade.

We quote as follows for 1885 tobaccos of fair to good body and substance. Thin, green, and unripe tobacco sells lower:

	Dark and Heavy.	Burley.
Common lugs	4 25@ 4 00	1 00@ 1 50
Medium lugs	4 25@ 4 70	1 75@ 2 25
Good lugs	4 50@ 5 00	5 25@ 6 00
Common leaf	4 75@ 5 25	6 00@ 7 00
Medium leaf	5 50@ 6 70	7 00@ 8 50
Good leaf	6 75@ 7 25	9 50@11 00
Long leaf, for Af'ns	7 50@ 8 50	

Miscellaneous Items.

The Louisville tobacco market was much excited a few days ago over what appears to be an attempt at a corner in a grade of tobacco known as "lugs."

George Frey, who killed John Daugherty in an election fight at Nicholasville, was taken out on a writ of habeas corpus the other day and given a hearing which lasted two days, resulting in the defendant being granted bail in the sum of $1,500 which he gave.

At Hopkinsville W. T. Walker, a photographer was fatally injured while resisting arrest for grand larceny. At the same place Wm. Caldwell struck Green Stevens through the neck with a pickaxe, killing him.

The safe of Judge Jewell, of Lexington was robbed of its cash contents. Tracks in the mud at the back door of the office corresponded with the boots of Clyde Charles, a young man of Toledo, O., and he was arrested for burglary.

The Kentucky and Indiana bridge at Louisville will be finished by April 1.

At Rockfield, J. T. France, a few days ago, had a leg broken by a kick from a horse. Christmas day, while carelessly examining a pistol, he was shot and killed.

A little son of Mr. Jack Meader, of Franklin, aged nine months, turned a kettle of boiling water over on himself, which caused his death.

Michael Groves died at his home in the eastern part of Simpson County, the other morning. He was one of the oldest men in the county, being over ninety years of age.

Capt. J. K. Bishop, of Danville, shipped as a Christmas present to Col. W. LaRue Thomas, one of the Commissioners of the asylum at Lexington, six magnificent swans. The variety to which the birds belong is not positively known, although naturalists have expressed the opinion that they should be classed as *Cygnus Americanus*. They will probably be set afloat on the lake or pond connected with the asylum grounds.

Suit for $25,000 damages has been entered against the Kentucky Central Railroad by Laurena Watts. The plaintiff is the wife of Frank Watts, the engineer who was killed in the accident near Lexington on the 15th of September last, and it is for his death that the damages are claimed.

George Dixon, of Simpson County, attempted to commit suicide the other morning. He went up in his stable loft, tied one end of a bridle rein to an upper post and the other end around his neck. Just as he swung off his son came on the scene and succeeded in untying the hangman's knot before any serious damage was done. He was not strong enough to hold his father up, however, and the latter fell to the floor of the loft, rolled through a hole, and landed on the first floor of the building, a distance of about eight feet. He was terribly bruised, but his injuries will not necessarily result seriously.

A few days ago a distressing accident occurred at Spring Hill, Hickman County. Mrs. Press Berry's clothing caught fire while she was taking ashes from the hearthstone. In her pain she ran wildly into the yard, where, fanned by the winds, her clothing was burned entirely off and her body frightfully burned. No one was about the place at the time, and a neighbor passing accidentally saw her and went to her relief, but only a few moments before insensibility came. She died in a very short time. She was accounted a most excellent lady.

Jonathan Woods and son Albert, farmers and stock buyers, near Eminence, assigned to William Atchison, of Smithfield. Cause, general depression of business and low prices being realized on stock. They will pay dollar for dollar. Assets, about $5,000.

Winfrank Judah, Louisville, old and wealthy, fell dead just after a hearty Christmas dinner.

Philip Ewald and son, Philip, fought with gun and knife, Louisville. The father carries four bullets and the son several gashes. Father was drunk, and the boy was protecting his mother and sister.

At Louisville, Christmas, Charley Johnson, colored tough, murdered his wife, Mattie, and cut his own throat, probably fatally. Jealousy.

Patrick McCormick, peddler, deliberately walked into the river at Louisville, and was drowned. Drunk.

City Judge Roddie, while crossing the railroad track at the depot at Franklin, the other night, was knocked down by a moving locomotive, and considerably bruised, but not seriously hurt.

John D. Scott, an aged and well-known citizen, died of flux at his residence near Wilmore, Jessamine County, the other afternoon. At the time of his death he was Constable in that precinct.

Charles Jenkins was fined $500 for gambling at Louisville.

Jas. Williams, colored, was arrested at Louisville, on suspicion of being a thief, and on his person were found pawn tickets representing about $500 worth of property.

Mr. Chas. H. Clarke, a veteran journalist of Louisville, died in that city a few days ago, in the seventieth year of his age, after a lingering illness.

The Norton Bros., bankers, of Louisville, who are worth about $1,000,000 each, will retire from business on the 1st of January.

The residence of James Lemon, Georgetown, was burned the other morning. The family was awakened just in time to make their escape, by citizens passing.

W. H. Bowling, who last spring shot and killed a young man named Gill, who was assisting the Sheriff to arrest Bowling, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary a few days ago at Mt. Sterling. A day or two before the killing Bowling, who is a desperate character, had enticed a farmer's daughter away from home, and so great was the indignation that he barely escaped the wrath of a mob.

A PRESIDENTIAL "BOOM."

How It Will Be Met by Brotherly and Helpful Republicans.

As we have before suggested, General Logan's declination of the Presidency *pro tempore* of the Senate is an important part of the shrewd little game which he proposes to play "for all it is worth" from now until the meeting of the next National Republican Convention. Logan has his eye upon the Presidential nomination, and if he does not get his grip upon it the fault will not be his. Such being his purpose, it is easy to understand why he prefers to remain on the Senatorial floor rather than be transferred to the chair. In the latter place he would be virtually shelved; in the former, he will at all times be as a[illegible] he is willing to attend to Logan[illegible] There will, of course, [illegible] opportunities during the [illegible] "boom" himself, and it is quite needless to say that not one of these is likely to be neglected. Two things, however, will receive his special attention: the soldier vote and the bloody shirt. He will be the self-appointed champion of all those who have worn the blue, providing they are not Democrats; and as for the rights and wrongs of the oppressed colored Republicans of the South, neither decency nor the dictionary will prevent him from doing full justice to his favorite theme.

Logan's little game will not be interfered with in the least by Democrats; on the contrary, they may give him valuable aid and comfort, for good and sufficient reasons. The only real opposition to him will come from Republicans. There are several aspirants to the Presidential prize in the Republican camp, who will be more than glad to insert a spider in the Logan dumpling, and outside of these is a numerous class who are heartily tired of his political tactics, and ready and anxious to sit down upon him. If we may trust the wrathful statements of leading Republican organs, Logan and his bloody shirt gave New York to the Democracy at the recent election; while Lee undoubtedly rode into the Governorship of Virginia over the political corpse of Mahone, on "the treason-stained saddle" of Logan's invention. With such unfragrant feathers in his cap, Logan is liable to have more brickbats than bouquets flung at him by Republican hands in his Presidential campaign, and though this will be "fun for the boys", it may mean "death to the frog". And, as if to make his political perdition sure, Logan is about to publish a book. Blaine did the same thing—everybody knows what happened to Blaine.—*St. Louis Republican.*

THE PRESIDENT'S CHARITY.

How He Spent His Money While Governor—Late Characteristic Incidents.

President Cleveland is worth about $100,000, and he owns considerable real estate in Buffalo, which is fast growing in value. He made about $25,000 a year at his practice before he got into politics. He is not an extravagant man in any of his tastes, and has never been so. He had a class of cases at Buffalo which paid well, and he was often the counsel for corporations in big cases. While he was Governor of New York he gave away the whole of his salary in charity, save that which he used for his personal expenses and for the support of his mother. I have seen many instances of his charity. One night I was with him in his private office at the Albany Capitol. It was after he had been elected President. He was opening his mail, and many of the letters contained requests for alms. I saw Governor Cleveland answer fully a half dozen of them by inclosing five, ten and at one time a twenty dollar bill in an envelope with a kind word, and sending it to the beggar. One case was especially touching. It was that of an old man in Southern New York, who had lost his horse by death. He had a little garden-patch of a farm, and this horse was his sole means of making a livelihood upon it. He had raised some money by contributions from his neighbors, but still lacked enough by twenty dollars to buy the horse which was to serve as the support of himself and his gray-haired wife. Some of the neighbors heard of Cleveland's charity, and had suggested that he write to him and ask him to help him. From the tenor of the letter you could see that the old man was very proud of its composition and handwriting. He said that he had written it himself, with his own hand, and the appeal throughout was that of a simple-minded, unsophisticated, childlike person. Cleveland's eyes filled with tears as he read it, and he put a twenty-dollar bill in an envelope and sent it to him with a few kind words.—*Washington Cor. Cleveland Leader.*

An Honored State.

Although Mr. Carlisle is only the fourth Kentuckian who has held the Speakership of the House of Representatives, that post has been filled by Kentuckians for a longer period than is comprised in the combined terms of the Speakers from any other State. Massachusetts and Virginia have each had four Speakers, but the combined terms of the former amounted to but ten years and those of Virginia to but thirteen years, whereas at the expiration of this Congress Kentucky will have had the Speakership for twenty of the ninety-eight years that will then have elapsed since the establishment of the Federal Government.

Henry Clay was elected Speaker of five successive Congresses and after a retirement of three years he was again elected in his old age and served through both sessions of the Eighteenth Congress. Owing to the fact that Mr. Clay resigned the office on two occasions his entire service in the chair comprehended a period of ten years only. John White held the gavel for one term and Linn Boyd for two terms. Mr. Carlisle now enters on his second term, thus rounding out the twenty years for Kentucky in the Speakership.—*Chicago Herald.*

General Vilas' Rebuke.

Postmaster-General Vilas administered a rebuke to a certain Indiana Congressman the other day that he will probably never forget. The honorable gentleman had, it appears, a candidate whom he was pushing for a two-thousand dollar post-office in an adjoining district represented by a Republican. There were several other candidates, one of whom was indorsed by another Democratic Congressman. The first-named Congressman called at the Post-office Department a few days ago and was informed by General Vilas that he had decided to appoint the other Congressman's man, whereupon the party of the first part asked permission to withdraw the application he had made for his own candidate and write another letter, placing it on file, in favor of the lucky man, his intention being, by antedating the letter, to create the idea that he had given the latter his support before the appointment had been made, and thus gain what credit he could for bringing it about. General Vilas told the Indianian that he regarded such conduct as infamous. "Be a man," said he, "and stand or fall by your colors. It is no reflection upon you to be beaten in this contest, but your proposal to make me a party to your duplicity is a direct insult which I will only excuse upon your promise not to repeat." The Congressman gave the promise and left the Postmaster-General's presence as speedily as possible.—*Chicago News.*

L. Q. C. LAMAR.

Something About His Ancestors Gleaned from an Inscription Found on the Tombstone of a Revolutionary Soldier.

The following inscription was recently copied from an old tombstone on the "Vale" Farm, near "Pompey Smash," Allegany County, Md. It relates to an old Marylander of revolutionary fame: "In memory of Colonel William Lamar, a soldier of the Revolution. At the tap of the drum in his native State, Maryland, to the standard of his country he flew, nor left until she was acknowledged free and independent amongst the nations of the earth. At the battle of Harlem Heights, White Plains, Germantown, Monmouth and Staten Island, in the North; at Guilford Court-House and Eutaw, at Camden, the capture of Fort Mott, Carnby and Wateree, at the seige of Ninety-six, in the South, he was present and actively engaged, and by his coolness, bravery and skill, he rendered most signal and important services to the army. At Guilford the desperate charge of the American troops, which turned the scale of victory in their favor, was ordered at his suggestion, which was communicated to General Green through Major Anderson, and the plan of firing Fort Mott, which was successfully adopted, and which occasioned the immediate surrender of that fort by the British, originated exclusively with him. In the disastrous battle of Camden he was foremost by the side of De Kalb when that brave officer fell. In the siege of '96 the immortal Kosciusko was his fellow-soldier, and served under him for awhile. The noble conduct of this brave Pole was the fond theme of his praise and admiration through life. He entered the army at the commencement of the revolution, and continued with it, engaged in actual service, until the close of the war.

"During the contest he made but one visit home. He married early; had sons and daughters, the most of whom he lived to see begirt with glowing infancy. He possessed a heart full of kindness, and a temper almost proof against anger. He was respected in all the relations of his life. He was born in Frederick County, but for thirty years previous to his death resided in Allegany county, where he died January 8, 1838, aged eighty-three."

The stone also contains the following: "Also sacred to the memory of Margaret Lamar, his wife. She was beloved and esteemed by all who knew her for the many virtues that adorned her character. She died universally lamented, March 17, 1821, aged fifty-four years."

Secretary Lamar is descended from a branch of the old Maryland Lamar family, and is a distant relative of the above-named Colonel William Lamar. Colonel Lamar left an immense landed estate in Maryland, adjoining Pennsylvania, near Bedford.—*Chicago Herald.*

MILITARY PROFESSORS.

How a Certain Class of Colleges Impose upon the Government and Obtain Instruction by Misrepresenting Their Conditions.

The law authorizing the detail of army officers to act as professors of tactics and military science in colleges, requires that any institution to which such a detail is made shall have the capacity to educate simultaneously one hundred and fifty male students. Details are now made to thirty-seven institutions; but two-thirds of them have not one hundred and fifty male pupils, and many have not even seventy-five. Out of the whole number only twelve have an attendance of one hundred and fifty; and perhaps not all of their students are of an age justifying the detachment of an army officer from his company in order to teach them tactics.

This state of things results, as Gen. Drum shows, from the careless use in the statute of the words, "having a capacity for educating not less than one hundred and fifty male pupils," instead of some phrase requiring an actual attendance of that number in any given quarter or term. Institutions that have thirty or forty scholars can send to the War Department certificates showing that they "have a capacity" for educating five times that number. They might add that they would be glad to get them. Thus they comply with the letter of the statute requirements, and receive their details, which are sometimes, apparently "secured to obtain the services," says Gen. Drum, "of an officer proficient in mathematics as a professor in that branch, while his value as a military instructor is appreciated purely from a disciplinarian point of view." It seems incredible that this system of sponging has been going on for years; but the annual reports of the Adjutant-General show conclusively that it is so. As the abuse of the privileges granted by statute could be obviated by an easy emendation, Congress has no excuse for not making it.

The matter should receive attention at Washington this winter. No confidence games on the Government should be allowed, even when played by institutions of learning!—*N. Y. Sun.*

An Unprofitable Honor.

Logan's determination not to accept the Presidency of the Senate has less merit in it than at first appeared. It seemed at first that Logan knew more about his fitness for the place than his friends, and had concluded not to submit himself to the criticism which would inevitably follow the discovery of his unfitness for the place. But later developments show that it was the determination of the Senators to pass a law which would put it out of the power of politicians of the Logan stripe to profit by such a situation as the present, which revealed to Logan the emptiness and unprofitableness of the honor for which he had been grasping.—*Detroit Free Press.*

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

A Discourse on "Winter, and How to Meet It."

The Dissipations Incident to the Season Forcibly Presented and Illustrated—A Plea for Abstinence On the Natal Day of the New Year.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, on his recent return to Brooklyn from his Western lecture tour, chose the above timely topic for his first Sunday evening discourse, taking for his text.

Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.—Mathew xxiv, 20.

The inhabitants of the old cities were here told that they would have to fly for their lives. Such flight would be painful, even in the flush of spring time, but superlatively aggravating it in cold weather; therefore they were told to pray that their flight be not in the winter. There is something in the winter season that not only tests our physical endurance but, especially in the city, tries our moral character. It is the winter months that ruin morally and forever many of our young men. We sit in the house on a winter's night, and hear the storm raging on the outside and imagine the helpless crafts driven on the coast, but if our ears were only good enough, we could on any winter night hear the crash of 100 moral shipwrecks.

Many who came last September to town, by the first of March will have been blasted. It only takes one winter to ruin a young man. When the long winter evenings have come many of our young men will improve them in forming a more intimate acquaintance with books, contracting higher social friendships and strengthening and ennobling characters. But not so with all. I will show you before I get through that at this season of the year temptations are especially rampant, and my counsel is, look out how you spend your winter nights!

I remark, first, that there is no season of the year in which vicious allurements are so active. In warm weather places of dissipation win their tamest triumphs. People do not feel like going in the hot nights of summer among the blazing gaslights or breathing the fetid air of assemblages. The receipts of most grog shops in a December night are three times what they are in any night in July or August. I doubt not there are larger audiences in the Casinos in winter than in the summer weather. Iniquity plies a more profitable trade. December, January and February are harvest months for the devil. The playbills of the low entertainments then are more charming, the acting is more exquisite, the enthusiasm of the spectators more bewitching. Many a young man who makes out to keep right the rest of the year, capsizes now. When he came to town in the autumn his eye was bright, his cheek rosy, his step elastic; but before spring, as you pass him you will say to your friend: "What is the matter with that young man?" The fact is that one winter of dissipation has done the work of ruin.

This is the season for parties, and if they are of the right kind, our social nature is improved and our spirits are cheered up. But many of them are not of the right kind, and our young people night after night are kept in the whirl of unhealthy excitement, until their strength fails, and their spirits are broken down, and their taste for ordinary life corrupted; and by the time the spring weather comes they are in the doctor's hands or sleeping in the cemetery. The certificate of their death is made out, and the physician, out of regard for the family, calls the disease by some Latin name, when the truth is that they died of too many parties.

Away with these wine-drinking convivialities. How dare you, the father of a household, trifle with the appetites of our young people? Perhaps out of regard for the minister or some other weak temperance man, you have the decanter in a side-room, where, after refreshments, only a select few are invited; and you come back with a glare in your eye and a stench in your breath that show that you have been out serving the devil.

The excuse which Christian men often give for this is that it is necessary, after such late eating, by some sort of stimulant to help digestion. My plain opinion is that if a man have no more control over his appetite than to stuff himself until his digestive organs refuse to do their office, he ought not to call himself a man, but rather to class himself among the beasts that perish. I take the words of the Lord Almighty, and cry: "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips."

Young men, take it as the counsel of a friend when I bid you be cautious where you spend your winter evenings. Thank God that you have lived to see the glad winter days in which your childhood was made cheerful by the faces of fathers and mothers brothers and sisters, some of whom, alas! will never again wish you a "Happy New Year" or "Merry Christmas."

Let no one tempt you out of your sobriety. I have seen respectable young men of the best families drunk on New Year's Day. The excuse they gave for the inebriation was that the ladies insisted on their taking it. There have been instances where the delicate hand of woman hath kindled a young man's taste for strong drink, who, after many years, when the attractions of that holiday scene were all forgotten, crouched in her rags and her desolation and her woe, under the uplifted hand of the drunken monster who, on that Christmas morning so long ago, took the glass from her hand. And so the woman stands on the abutment of the bridge on the moonlit night wondering if down under the water there is not some quiet place for a broken heart. She takes one wild leap—and all is over!

Oh, mingle not with the harmless beverage of your festive scene this poison of adders! Mix not with the sugar of the cup the snow of this awful leprosy! Mar not the clatter of cutlery at the holiday feast with the clink of a madman's chain!

Stand back, young man! Take not the first step in the path that leads there. Let not the flame of strong drink ever scorch your tongue. You may tamper with these things and escape, but your influence will be wrong. Can you not make a sacrifice for the good of others? When the good ship London went down, the captain was told that there was a way of escape in one of the lifeboats. He said: "No; I will go down with the passengers." All the world acknowledged that heroism. Can you not deny yourself insignificant indulgences for the good of others? Be not allured by the fact that you drink only the moderate beverages. You take only ale, and a man has to drink a large amount of it to become intoxicated. Yes; but there's not in all the city to-day an inebriate that did not begin with ale. "XXX," what does that mark mean? "XXX" on the beer barrels; "XXX" on the brewer's dray; "XXX" on the side of the bottle. Not being able to find any one who could tell me what this mark means, I have had to guess that the whole thing was an allegory: "XXX"—that is, thirty heart-breaks, thirty agonies, thirty desolated homes, thirty chances for a drunkard's grave, thirty ways to perdition. "XXX!" If I were to write a story the first chapter would be "XXX," the last the pawnbroker's shop. Be watchful: At this season all the allurements to dissipation will be especially busy. Let not your flight to hell be in the winter.

I also remark that the winter evenings, through their very length, allow great swing for indulgences. Few young men would have the taste to go to their rooms at seven o'clock and sit until eleven, reading Motley's Dutch Republic or John Foster's essays. The young men who have been confined to the store all day want fresh air and sight-seeing; and they must go somewhere. The most of them have of a winter's evening three or four hours of leisure. After the evening repast the young man puts on his hat and coat and goes out. "Come in here," cries another "Go," says Satan: "you ought to see for yourself." Why don't you go?" says a comrade, "it is a shame for a young man to be as green as you are. By this time you ought to have seen everything."

Especially is temptation strong when business is dull. I have noticed that men spend more money when they have little to spend. The tremendous question to be settled by our great population, day by day, is, how to get a livelihood. Many of our young men just starting for themselves are very much discouraged. They had hoped before this to have set up a household of their own. But their gains have been slow, their discouragements many. The young man can hardly take care of himself. How can he take care of another? And, to the curse of modern society, before a young man is able to set up a home of his own, he is expected to have enough to support in idleness somebody else, when God intended that they should begin together and jointly earn a livelihood. So, many of our young men are utterly discouraged and utterly unfit to resist temptation.

The time when the pirate bore down upon the ship was when its sails were down and it was making no headway. People wish they had more time to think. The trouble is, in dull times, that people have too much time to think. Give to many of our commercial men the four hours of these winter nights, with nothing to divert them, and before spring they will have lodgings in an insane asylum. I remark further that the winter is especially trying to the moral character of our young men, because some of their homes in winter are especially unattractive. In summer they can sit on the steps or have a bouquet in the vase on the mantel, and the evenings are so short that soon after gaslight they feel like retiring. Parents do not take enough pains to make these long winter nights attractive. It is strange that old people know so little about young people. One would think that they had never been young themselves, but had been born with spectacles on. It is dolorous for young people to spend the three or four hours of a winter's evening with parents who sit talking over their own ailments and misfortunes and the nothingness of this world. How dare you talk such blasphemy? God was busy six days in making the world, and has allowed it to hang six thousand years on his holy heart; and that world hath fed you and clothed you and shone on you for fifty years, and yet you talk about the nothingness of this world? Do you expect the young people in your family to sit and groan about this magnificent, star-lighted, sun-warmed, shower-baptized, flower-strewn, angel-watched, God-inhabited planet? From such homes young men make a wild plunge into dissipation. Many of you have the means—why do you not buy them a violin or a picture? or have your daughter cultured in music until she can help to make home attractive. There are ten thousand ways of lighting up the domestic circle. It requires no large income, no big house, no rich wardrobe, no chased silver, no gorgeous upholstery, but a parental heart awake to its duty. Have a doleful home and your children will not stay in it, though you lock up the door with Bibles and tie fast to them a million catechisms. I said to a man: "This is a beautiful tree in front of your house." He answered, with a whine: "Yes; but it will fade." I said to him: "You have a beautiful garden." He replied: "Yes, but it will perish." I found out afterward that his son was a vagabond, and I was not surprised at it. You can not groan men into decency, but you can groan them out of it.

Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter

Arm yourself against the especial temptations of this season. Poets and painters have represented Satan as horned and hoofed. If I were a poet I should describe him with manners polished to the last perfection; hair flowing in graceful ringlets; eye a little blood-shot, but floating in bewitching languor; hands soft and diamonded; step light and artistic; voice mellow as a flute; boot elegantly shaped; conversation facile, carefully toned and Frenchy; breath perfumed until it would seem that nothing had ever touched his lips save balm and myrrh. But his heart I would encase with the scales of a monster, then fill with pride, with beastliness of desire, with recklessness, with hypocrisy, with death. Then I would have him touched with some rod of disenchantment until his two eyes would become the cold orbs of the adder, and on his lips would come the foam of raging intoxication, and to his feet the spring of the panther, and his soft hand would become the clammy hand of a wasted skeleton; while suddenly from his heart would burst in crackling and all-devouring fury the unquenchable flame, and in the affected lisp of his tongue would come the hiss of the worm that never dies. But, until disenchanted, nothing but myrrh and balm and ringlet and diamond and flute-like voice and conversation aromatic, facile and Frenchy.

O, it is beautiful to see a young man living a life of purity, standing upright where thousands of other young men fall! You will move in honorable circles all your days and some old friend of your father will meet you and say: "My son, how glad I am to see you looks so well. Just like your father, for all the world. I thought you would turn out well when I used to hold you on my knee."

But here is a young man who takes the other route. The voices of sin charm him away. He reads bad books, lives in vicious circles, loses the glow from his cheek, the sparkle from his eye, and the purity from his soul. The good shun him. Down he goes, little by little. They who knew him when he came to town, while yet lingering on his head was a pure mother's blessing, and on his lip the dew of a pure sister's kiss, now pass him and say: "What an awful wreck!" His eyes bleared with frequent carousals, his cheek bruised in the grog-shop fight, his lip swollen with evil indulgences.

Look out what you say to him: for a trifle he will take your life. Lower down and lower down until, outcast of God and man, he lies in the alms-house a blotch of loathsomeness and pain. Sometimes he calls out for God, and then for more drink. Now he prays, now curses, now laughs as fiends laugh. Then bites his nails to the quick. Then runs both hands through the shock of hair that hangs about his head like the mane of a wild beast. Then shivers until the cot shakes with unutterable terror. Then, with uplifted fists, fights back the devils or clutches the serpents that seem winding him in their coils. Then asks for water which is instantly consumed by his cracked lips. Going his round some morning the surgeon finds him dead. Straighten the limbs. You need not try to comb out or shove back the matted locks Wrap him in a sheet. Put him in a box. Two men will carry it down to the wagon at the door. With chalk write on the top of the box the name of the destroyed.

Do you know who it is?

That is you. Oh, man, if, yielding to the temptations to a dissipated life, you go out and perish.

There is a way that seemeth bright and fair and beautiful, but the end thereof is death.

Devote these December, January and February evenings to high pursuits, innocent amusement, intelligent, socialities and Christian attainments. Do not waste this winter. We shall soon have seen the last snow-shower, and passed up into the companionship of him whose raiment is white as snow—as no fuller on earth can whiten it. To the right-hearted the winter nights of earth will soon end in the June morning of heaven.

The river of God from under the throne never freezes over. The foliage of life's fair tree is never frost-bitten. The festivals and hilarities and family gatherings of Christmas times on earth will give way to the larger reunions, and the brighter lights, and the gladder scenes, and the sweeter garlands and the richer feastings of the great holiday of heaven.

THE SEASON'S PERIL.

Now the neat and careful housewife,
As she often did before,
Rises in the morning early,
Sweeps the sidewalk at her door:
Pours upon it pails of water,
Just as hot as hot can be,
Then admires that shining sidewalk,
All so clean and fair to see.

Scarcely is the job completed
When the water, warm and nice,
Parting with its heat directly,
Soon converted into ice,
Forms a film upon the sidewalk,
Thin and cold as charity,
And a slide is there established
By the urchins speedily.

Then the good old man, outward going,
Somewhat old and short of sight,
Strides that sidewalk and discovers
All the stars that shine at night
Harsh and wild the words he utters,
Not a bit like songs of praise,
As he rubs himself and wonders,
Wonders at a woman's ways.
—*N. Y. World.*

DREAM AND REALITY.

How Augustus Hardup Was Raised to the Seventh Heaven of Bliss by the Mischievous Gnomes of Dreamland—The Sad Awakening.

[Sam.]

I.

Part of the Old House.

The Boston *Record* gives the following good illustration of the confusion which the blending of old and new fashions in some of our modern houses produces in the minds of plain people. "A visitor at a fashionable West-End mansion the other day was from the country, and had not been in Boston for several years. During this period his host had built a spick and span new house on the site of the old one. After going over the newly-decorated establishment, surveying the sumptuous drawing rooms and the æsthetic attics, the guest came down to the lower floor, where the rooms, instead of having large plate-glass windows like those above, had executed small panes, in imitation of the fashions of a century or more ago. The innocent rural visitor naturally supposed that here was a veritable relic of the past. 'Well done,' said he, 'I'm real glad you've kept part of the old house, though it's an awful small part.'"

Mistaken Ideas.

Two Highlandmen being in Glasgow for the first time, were having a walk through the city. Turning a corner they were surprised to see a water cart wetting the street. Not having seen anything of the kind before Tougal, under a mistaken idea, ran after the cart and cried out to the driver: "Hey, man! hey, man! you're losin' a' yer water." His friend, annoyed at Tougal's want of knowledge, ran after him, caught him by the arm, and said rather testily: "Tougal, man! Tougal, don't be showin' your ignorance there; dis you'll no see it's to keep the laddies at the back o' the cart?"—*London Exchange.*

II.

Suspicious Circumstance.

Sam Johnsing has been suspected of stealing dogs in order to obtain a reward. A conversation he had with Judge Pennybunker encourages the idea that he is none too honest.

"Ef a man was ter steal dat fine pointer dog ob yourn, how much reward would you gib ter get him back, Jedge?"

"About five dollars."

"Boss, gimme four dollars and I'll jess lub dat dog alone. Dem am special rates which I ain't offering de general public. Dar's a circus a coming, and I'se got ter hab money."—*Texas Siftings.*

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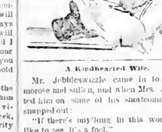

A Kindhearted Wife.

Mr. Jebbleswizzle came in to supper, morose and sullen, and when Mrs. J. twitted him on some of his shortcomings, he snapped out:

"If there's anything in this world I do like to see, it's a fool."

"Ah, love," she answered, tenderly, "do you? My hand glass is right on my dressing-case and you have my permission to use it just as you wish. I do so love to have my husband enjoy himself.—*Merchant Traveler.*

Bound to Be at Home.

Said a stranger in a Texas town to a negro with a bundle:

"Is Colonel Snort, editor of the *Crosby County Clarion and Farmer's Vindicator* at home?"

"He am bound to be at home. He jess can't be nowhar's else, heah! heah!"

"How so?"

"I'se taking his shirt to de laundry ter hab it washed. You jest bet he is at home ontil I brings back dis heah garment."—*Texas Siftings.*

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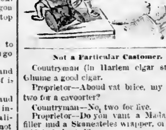

Not a Particular Customer.

Countryman (in Harlem cigar store)—Gimme a good cigar.

Proprietor—Aboud vat brice, my frent; two for a cavoorter?

Countryman—No, two for five.

Proprietor—Do you vant a Madagascar filler und a Skaneateles wrapper, or choost a blain imborted?

Countryman—Plain imported is good 'nough fur me.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Husbands, Heed This Lesson.

An old lady died in Wallingford, Conn., the other day, whose life had been saddened by a little quarrel. The day had been fixed for her wedding, and she and her intended husband began to put down carpets in the house they were to occupy. She wanted them laid one way, he another. They quarrelled and separated. He died shortly afterward, and the lady never married. This should teach women the danger of permitting their husbands, or intended husbands, to remain ... carpets are being put ... insist on being present ... If his wife hints that ... give her more pleasure. ... plies in taking up car... *Herald.*

The Small Boy.

He was really a clerk in a ... store, but on Sunday afternoon mounted on a high horse, he looked as if he might be a member of Congress. He was putting on more than usual dignity and grace, for there were several ladies on the sidewalk admiring him. He was satisfied in his mind that he was creating a great impression when a small boy on the sidewalk called out.

"Hey?"

He looked around. So did the ladies

"I say, Mister," continued the boy, "last night you only gave me five candles for a quarter—I oughter got six."—*Texas Siftings.*

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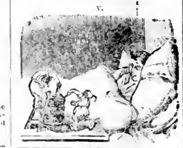

The Point Was Apparent.

The following good joke is at the expense of a Chicago doctor. He was about to anæsthetize a patient when, in answer to a question, he informed the victim that he would be entirely unconscious, and know nothing until the offending growth had been removed. The patient accordingly commenced to fish his loose change out of his pocket. "Oh, you need not mind the fee until I am through," remarked the considerate doctor. "I don't intend to pay you yet," returned the patient. "I wish merely to count my money to see how much I have." The doctor saw the point, and was much amused.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

VI.

Eggs Are Eggs.

The wife of a certain ... nuisance among good ... borrower. One day it ... sugar; the next, a box ... clothes wringer, and so ... half as good at returning ... towns... One day in th... ing not an egg was to ... went to one of her n... small means, and ... three eggs she happ... house. Several weeks ... forenoon she appear... kitchen with three eggs ... "Good morning, Mi... return something you ... day. I had boiled ... morning and these are ... Eggs are eggs, you ... *ord.*

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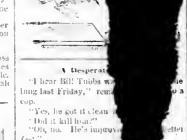

A Desperat...

"I hear Bill Tubbs w... lung last Friday," rem... cop.

"Yes, he got it clean ...

"Did it kill him?"

"Oh, no. He's improvi... fast."

"I'm glad to hear that. It's a blessing he ... get shot."

"A blessing? How do you mean?"

"You said he was getting better, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, before he was shot, he was getting worse all the time, and if anything could make him get better, I'm glad he's got it, that's why."—*Merchant Traveler.*

Educational Note.

Colonel Yerger, accompanied by his little son, went out last Saturday for a walk. Colonel Yerger had forgotten to take his watch with him. Being desirous of knowing what time it was he told Johnny to ask a young man close by what o'clock it was.

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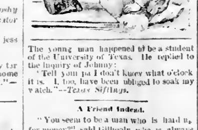


The young man happened to be a student of the University of Texas. He replied to the inquiry of Johnny:

"Tell your pa I don't know what o'clock it is. I, too, have been obliged to soak my watch."—*Texas Siftings.*

A Friend Indeed.

"You seem to be a man who is hard up for money?" said Gillhooly, who is always trying to borrow money, to Colonel Lordly.

"You are mistaken sir," responded Lordly loftily, "I am well provided with money."

"Blamed glad to hear it. Let me congratulate you that you are in such affluent circumstances, and—and—then you wont object to lending me five dollars."—*Texas Siftings.*

An Unfounded Suspicion.

Mrs. Clapper—Arthur, I fear you do not love me.

Mr. Clapper—What a ridiculous idea. What makes you think I have ceased to love you?

"Because you show signs of impatience when I talk to you."

"H'm! Well, my dear, be assured that I love you"—(a pause)—"still."—*Philadelphia Call.*

A Guarantee Goes With It.

Dealer—That painting ... a Botticelli.

Madam—A botty w...

Art Dealer—A ... antee its authenticity.

Madam—Well, ... it won't crack?

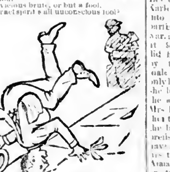
A Burlington g... picked up a copy ... out the "t" and ... lover.—*Burlington ...*

Student (to serv... Brown? Servant ... —I know it. I'm ... *The Judge.*

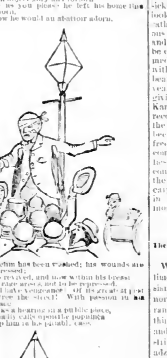
THE BANANA FIEND'S FATE.

A Harrowing Tale Which Isn't True, But Ought to Be.

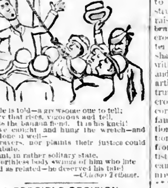
Behold the wretch who, walking on the street,
Drops his banana peel beneath the feet
Of passers by—a murderous conceit,
A simple trick for harmfulness complete.
Observe his face as, insolent and cool,
He stalks along, the mouthing, munching ghoul!
Is he a vicious brute, or but a fool,
Some crack-brained's all unconscious tool?



The victim comes! Upon the slippery snare
He squarely steps—his feet are in the air!
The fates assist him! Sorely does he fare;
His head is cracked and nuts is in his hair.
His arm is broken and his clothes are torn,
He is an object gory and forlorn
Spruce as you please he left his home this morn,
And now he would an abattoir adorn.



The victim has been washed; his wounds are dressed;
He has revived, and now within his breast
Fierce rage arises, not to be repressed.
He will have vengeance! Of its great request
He'll free the street! With passion in his face
He seeks a hearing in a public place,
And madly calls upon the populace
To help him in his pitiable case.



His tale is told—a gruesome one to tell;
The cry that rises, vigorous and fell,
Frights the banana fiend. It is his knell!
They've caught and hung the wretch—and done it well—
Nor prayers, nor plaints their justice could abate.
Pendant, in rather solitary state,
The worthless body swings of him who late
Slumed as related—he deserved his fate!
—*Chicago Tribune.*

A FORCIBLE DECISION.

Judge Peterson's Opinion on the Average Bill Collector.

A powerful decision was recently rendered against bill collectors by a Nashville Judge. The Judge, it seems, is in the habit of taking an appeal when a bill is presented to him. This annoyed the collectors. One bold young fellow was determined to face the jurist in his den and argue from tabulated evidence, showing that the Judge was much in debt to a wholesale liquor house. The unflinching young man walked into the court room, took a position in front of the Judge's desk and said:

"This is Judge Peterson I believe."

"Yes the Judge answered, as he suspiciously eyed the young man.

The collector handed the Judge a bill. The Judge looked at it, recognized it as an old acquaintance, handed it back to the young man and said:

"Tell them that I'll come by and settle."

"They've heard that several times already," the collector replied. "Now I want to know whether to come back here or not."

"No, you needn't."

"Well, then, I'll stay until you render your decision."

The Judge flew out over the desk, like a piece of whalebone, and knocked the young man down—knocked all his teeth into the southeast corner of his mouth. It is likely that the young man may appeal from the decision, but it should teach a lesson to bill collectors. Why, hang it, when a man says that he will be around the first of the month why don't they thank him politely and retire?—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

Evidence of Total Depravity.

"How is that you can tell such whoppers?" asked a caller, addressing the editor of the fish-story department.

"Well, you see," replied the editor, "our wife's name is Anna."

"What has that to do with it?"

"A great deal. When we are writing fish stories we usually have Anna nigh us to help us."

The caller was carried to the hospital.—*American Angler.*

The Market in Their Favor.

First Tramp—I say, Bill, have yer seen de paper dis mornin'?

Second Tramp—Yes.

First Tramp—How's stocks?

Second Tramp—Dey was way up yesterday, wid prospecks of further advances terday.

First Tramp—It's goin' our way, Bill. You take Broad street an' I'll take Wall.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Heard From.

"Ah! but I wanted to ask about your uncle," he said as they shook hands. "He went to Saginaw, didn't he?"

"Yes."

"Went into business up there?"

"Yes."

"And I heard he was making a heap of money."

"Well he was, but——"

"Glad to hear it—very glad."

"Well dunno. They've got him down here before the United States Commissioner for it!"

"Ah!"

"Ah!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

Months to Feed.

Young Mother (displaying the baby)—Isn't she a dear little thing, Mr. Podsnap?

Podsnap (father of a large family)—Yes, they're expensive. I've got six of 'em.—*N. Y. Sun.*

TWENTY-TWO CHILDREN.

This is the Record of Mr. and Mrs. Karkert During Seventeen Years of Married Life.

In the rear of No. 233 Blackhawk street, upper floor, lives Wilhelm Karkert, father of twenty-two children, but three of whom are living. The family occupies but one small room, that is, that portion of it above ground. Nineteen of the twenty-two children are dead, seventeen buried in Germany and two in America. The record of the family is something remarkable. Mr. and Mrs. Karkert will have been married but seventeen years January 9 next. The couple are almost of the same age. He will be forty March 11, 1886, and she will reach that age the 28th of the same month. They were married in Keeslin, an ancient town in Pommerania, Germany, January 9, 1869, and from that time on, at an average of every ten months, Mrs. Karkert has set one or more babies into this world. While her husband participated in the Franco-Prussian war, and as Napoleon III. surrendered at Sedan, Mrs. Karkert at home did her duty by swelling the census by two young Karkerts of the male persuasion. Unfortunately, they only lived thirty-six hours. Next time she bore twins, less than a year after the peace had been signed at Frankfort. Mrs. Karkert had no better luck. Since then the children have been born singly, the births coming with mathematical precision, every ten months. They have all died with the exception of the ... two children and the last one, little Anna, born August 16. The little creature is troubled, however—like all the nineteen that died before her—with convulsions, and she looks rather frail, and too wise and peaked for her age.

Despite her incessant efforts in the maternal line, and despite frequent sickness, the twenty-two-fold mother looks vigorous and healthy. She is a rather good-looking woman, of generous dimensions, large, soft brown eyes and fair skin. The husband may also be called handsome. He is above the medium height, of good normal build, with regular features, a thick, full beard and dark-blue eyes. Three years ago, on the third day after giving birth to another child, Mrs. Karkert was seized with small-pox, but recovered, and no mark remains to tell the tale. She says that she has never been interrupted in her work by the frequent births, always leaving her couch and resuming her household duties within twenty-four hours. The couple have been in Chicago three years, the husband having been employed as carpenter in various shops. He is living in enforced idleness now, as during most winters.—*Chicago Tribune.*

PERSIAN WORKMEN.

Their Primitive Working Tools and System of Work.

What implements they used in ancient times we know not, but to-day the Persian artisan has neither rule, compass nor spirit-level. He is commonly ignorant of the fact that the diameter is the third of the circumference; his gimlets and augurs are prods turned by a bow-string; he has no hatchet, but only an adze, and no carpenter's bench. If he desires to plane a board, he puts it on the ground, and if he would saw a block of wood he squats on the ground himself and holds it between his toes, drawing the saw towards himself. Wood is scarce, and with such tools hard to work. If pillars are to be constructed, the trunks of poplars are raised and simply stripped of their branches and bark. They may be crooked, but that matters not; the master workman tells his subordinate to shape the timber into an elegant pillar with *gatch*. Depending only on his eye and the skill of his hand, this simple artisan applies to the plaster round the trunk in the form of a fluted pillar and crowns it with a graceful capital and cornice, showing a lively inventive fancy. If judged by the strict application of rule and compass, these decorations may sometimes deviate slightly from a straight line, but of the artistic beauty of the conception there can be no question. Wall and ceilings are tastefully decorated in like manner. * * * Lightness combined with strength is often gained in Persia by building a wall of square sun-dried bricks, ingeniously arranged in hollow cubes as in a block-house. They are cemented together by a layer of *cargel*, or mortar mixed with straw, over which, in turn, follows a coat of white plaster. Where great strength is required the angles are fortified by a layer of burnt bricks. Such a wall will stand for ages.

It is interesting to watch the builders at work. They wear long tunics, which are tucked into their girdles when working, displaying a length and muscular development of limb I have never seen equaled elsewhere. The one above sings out in musical tone: "Brother, in the name of God, toss me a brick." The one below, as he throws the brick, sings in reply: "O my brother, (or, O son of my uncle), in the name of God, behold a brick!"—*S. G. W. Benjamin, in Century.*

—As one of the large retail clothing stores of Washington street an old lady, accompanied by a six-footer of a boy, both fresh from rural parts, appeared, The old lady inquired: "Have yer an ulcer overcoat few fit this lad?" "Yes, ma'am," replied a pert salesman, "we have ulcers, varioloids, typhoids, and all the fashionable styles." "Dear me," remarked the aged woman, "I think I have made a mistake. Ain't this the General Hospital? Come, Nathan, let us go tew some clothing store." And away they went to the chagrin of the would-be witty clerk.—*Boston Budget.*

THE MARKETS

CINCINNATI, December 29, 1885.

LIVE STOCK—Cattle—Common	$1 75	@	2 50
Choice Butchers	3 75	@	4 41
HOGS—Common	3 00	@	3 40
Good Packers	3 85	@	3 90
SHEEP—Good to choice	3 50	@	4 25
FLOUR—Family	4 00	@	4 25
GRAIN—Wheat—Longberry red		@	94
No. 2 red	90	@	92
Corn—No. 2 mixed		@	35½
Oats—No. 2 mixed		@	30
Rye—No. 2		@	66
HAY—Timothy No. 1	13 00	@	13 50
TOBACCO—Common Lugs	8 00	@	9 70
Good Medium	10 75	@	14 00
PROVISIONS—Pork—Mess	10 25	@	10 37½
Lard—Prime steam		@	6
BUTTER—Fancy Dairy	14	@	16
Ohio Creamery	28	@	30
APPLES—Prime	1 25	@	1 75
POTATOES—per barrel	1 50	@	1 65
NEW YORK.			
FLOUR—State and Western	$3 90	@	5 30
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 Chicago		@	92½
No. 2 red		@	93¾
Corn—No. 2 mixed	48¼	@	48¾
Oats—mixed		@	38
PORK—Mess	9 87½	@	10 37½
LARD—Western steam		@	6 35½
CHICAGO.			
FLOUR—State and Western	$4 50	@	5 00
GRAIN—Wheat—No 2 red			87½
No. 2 Chicago Spring	81¼	@	84½
Corn—No. 2		@	35½
Oats—No 2		@	27
Rye		@	58½
PORK—Mess	9 90	@	9 70
LARD—Steam	5 97½	@	6 00
BALTIMORE.			
FLOUR—Family	$4 50	@	5 00
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2	87½	@	88¾
Corn—Mixed	47½	@	49½
Oats—mixed	36	@	37
PROVISIONS—Pork—Mess		@	10 25
Lard—Refined		@	7½
CATTLE—First quality	4 25	@	5 25
HOGS	4 75	@	5 50
INDIANAPOLIS			
Wheat—No. 2 red	$	@	90
Corn—mixed		@	33½
Oats—mixed		@	28
LOUISVILLE			
Flour—A No. 1	$4 00	@	4 80
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red		@	93
Corn—mixed		@	38
Oats—mixed		@	31½
PORK—Mess		@	10 00
LARD—steam		@	7 00

Riel's War Flag.

Louis Riel's war flag was a common table-cloth, six feet by four feet, with fringed, or rather frayed, edges. On the flag is a steel engraving of Notre Dame des Lourdes, and beneath it is written the pedigree of Louis Riel, then a prayer to the Virgin Mary, signed by Louis "David" Riel. On the reverse of the picture is a prayerful proclamation. The flag is in possession of Captain Howard, who will probably take it with him to his home in Connecticut. The flag, which has just been presented to the Sixty-fifth Regiment, of Montreal, bears a sacred heart, with the inscription, "Thy kingdom come." Curious enough, the badges taken from the half-breed rebels at Batoche—one of which was brought to Toronto by a grenadier, taken from Riel himself—also bears a sacred heart and the same motto.

Fruit.

The *Lancet* regards the increased use of fruit in ordinary diet as one of the most salutary tendencies of domestic management in our day. The starchy and saccharine components of fruit, while they are not equal in accumulated force to the more solid ingredients of meat and fat, are similarly useful in their own degree and have the advantage of greater digestibility. Other advantages are local stimulation, thus relieving skin and kidneys by transferring part of their excretory work to the bowels.

—At Birmingham, Ala., the other day, a feather-renovator on ripping open an old feather-bed discovered a handsome diamond ring. It was sent to the owner of the bed, a lady, who, on seeing it took it and held it to her lips. She then pressed an invisible spring and the picture of a handsome young man in Confederate uniform was revealed. She said the ring was presented to her by her husband before he left for the army in 1862; she placed it in the bed in 1863 for safe keeping, and forgot where she had placed it. Her husband was killed in one of the battles around Richmond.—*Chicago Times.*

- In a pigeon hole in the *Constitution* office is a neat envelope, well filled and well sealed. It is the obituary of a prominent citizen of Atlanta, written by himself. He certifies on the envelope, in a firm hand, that the inclosed is exactly what he wishes printed about himself when he is dead. May the ink fade and the envelope take on the hue of parchment before its seal is broken, for it holds the life of a guileless and honest man.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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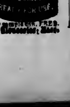

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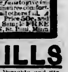

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Lye Hominy, at Rogers'.

—1886.

—Don't write it 1885.

—City election Monday.

—A happy New Year to you all.

—Hickman merchants are jubilant over their unprecedented good holiday trade.

—Mrs Press Berry, of Hickman county, caught her clothing on fire from a grate, and was burned to death.

—We are requested to announce that Elder William Belt will preach at Poplar Grove, next Sunday, at the usual hour.

—The COURIER neglects to print the names of Hickman ladies who will recive New Year calls to-day, because the list is not full, and we don't desire to show partiality.

—Two colored men, Winstons by name, got to projecting with a pistol, Christmas day, at Reid's mill, and one accidentally shot the other in the jaw. Wound is not fatal.

—Mr. Ben. J. Hertweck and Miss E. M. Piggott, both of Hickman, were married on the 27th. Congratulations of numerous friends are extended, and many wishes for a long, useful, prosperous and happy life.

—The Kentucky Legislature assembled Wednesday. The Democrats of each House met in caucus, but adjourned without effecting an organization. The programme was to organize Wednesday morning, but the COURIER has no later news.

—Among the coming candidates we hear the name of Willis F. Roffe, of the Cayce precinct, pretty authoritatively mentioned as a candidate for County Assessor. He is a clever man, competent for the place, an old citizen, and would make a good assessor if elected.

—The announcement of the death of Hon. James E. Bailey of Clarksville, which occurred at his residence Tuesday morning at 7:45 o'clock, will awaken a mournful feeling in the breast of every Tennessean who esteems personal worth, and sets a value on eminent talents conscientiously devoted to the welfare of the State.

—We can all remember when a "2:40 horse" was a marvel of speed, but this has become antiquated. The New York World in a recent issue publishes a list of about 700 horses which have made a trotting record of 2:30 and better during the past season, giving the sires and previous record. This would show a great improvement in American horses.

—Ed Hoehn, superintedent of Hertweck, Baltzer & Co's paint shop, is an artist of very rare merit, and as a sign painter cannot be excelled in the United States, and we mean exactly what we say. He made the COURIER a Christmas present of new sign, which is on exhibition in front of post-office, and we challenge inspection of the work as a proof of the merit we claim for him.

—Hilory Jones, colored, charged with stealing twenty-five dollars, on his wedding night, in Fulton, was arrested by officer Brisendine, only a few moments before the consummation of the marriage ceremony, and brought to Hickman, Wednesday, and incarcerated in the county jail. His *fiance*, Bettie C[illegible]rson, true to her plighted love, accompanied him to the jail, but were kindly permitted to go by the court-house, where his Honor, Judge Murrell, united them in the holy bonds of wedlock.

THE question of civil rights, as it affects theatres, was decided by the supreme court of Iowa the other day. The point before the court was upon the refusal to admit a colored man to a theatre. Upon this point the lower court and the supreme court both held that the plaintiff had no legal right to enter the theatre, the manager having refused to accept the admission price.

LOUIS PASTEUR, the French discoverer of the ancient India practice of inoculation as a remedy for rabies, is a native of Dole, in the department of Jura, France, and is in his 60th year. He is not a physician but a chemist of local distinction, and one whose name is likely to go down to posterity with Harvey, Jenner and other eminent discoverers of matters of interest to life and health.

IF this congress wants to enact any legislation regarding war matters, it certainly ought to be pretty competent for the purpose. Of the 400 members of house and senate, 160 "fit into the late war." There are in the house and senate ninety ex-Union soldiers and seventy ex-Confederate warriors.

IT is rumored that Queen Victoria is to abdicate. When the children of to-day are beginning to pick gray hairs out of their heads the same rumor will come gayly skipping along by cable. The good old lady is not built on the abdicating plan.—[Chicago News.

BRADSTREET's for the week reports the dullness in wholesale trade common to the season. About the only notable exception is St. Louis, where dry goods movements have been full and firm.

THERE are only 150 applicants for the office of Revenue Agent for Kentucky.

—The entertainment given Monday night, by the pupils of Central Academy, under the direction of Miss Adelle Allen, was one round of praise and applause, well deserved, from the beginning to the ending of the programme. Every child and person engaged deserves the highest compliment, and each act and piece was as near perfect as it could well be. We are proud of the school, proud of the teachers, and proud of each pupil.

—The operetta of Genevieve at City Hall, Tuesday night, as the closing exercises of Miss Daisy Castleman's music school, under the direction of that accomplished young lady, was a highly creditable and enjoyable performance. Little Miss Lalla Knoerr has a sweet, plaintive voice, well suited to the personation of Genevieve, and sang her part exceedingly well, while Miss Jessie Lee Garrett as Isadore, shows good cultivation, winning applause and admiration throughout. The other characters in the operetta as represented by Misses Carrie May Garrett, Lizzie Goulder, Ethel Parker, Maggie Warren and Cora Underwood, were well rendered and deserve high compliment. The orchestral music, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Millet, as well as on Monday night, was the best we ever heard in Hickman. The instrumental performance of Miss Bertie Bullard, and vocalization by Mr. George Bullard were fine, and added much to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. James Somers' vocal solos and Blind Joe on the violin were repeatedly encored.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial Bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at Moore & Landrum's.

Legislative Democratic Caucus.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 30.—The House Democratic caucus last evening was called to order by Hon. J. Stoddard Johnson, who explained that in the absence of other authority he had taken the liberty of suggesting the time and place of the caucus.

T. J. McElrath, of Carroll, was elected Chairman, and E. Polk Johnson, Green R. Kellar and Willis Ringo, Secretaries. A resolution by B. A. Neale was adopted providing that candidates for House offices be nominated in the order in which they are elected by law, and that in voting for candidates the party receiving the smallest number of votes on the third ballot shall be dropped, this to continue till a nomination is reached.

The Senate caucus organized by electing J. R. W. Smith, of Louisville, Chairman, and Dr. Woods Secretary, and both adjourned till this morning.

What Can Be Done.

By trying again and keeping up courage many things seemingly impossible may be attained. Hundreds of hopeless cases of Kidney and Liver Complaint have been cured by Electric Bitters, after everything else had been tried in vain. So, don't think there is no cure for you, but try Electric Bitters. There is no medicine so safe, so pure, and so perfect a Blood Purifier. Electric Bitters will cure Dyspepsia, Diabetes and all Diseases of the Kidneys. Invaluable in affections of Stomach and Liver, and overcome all Urinary Difficulties. Large Bottles only 50 cts. at Moore & Landrum's.

Russia and Austria Arming.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Reports have been received here from a reliable source, both in St. Petersburg and Vienna, to the effect that at both these capitals the feeling is growing that war between Russia and Austria, over the Balkan dispute, is almost unavoidable. Active war preparations by both countries have been going on ever since the outbreak of hostilities between Servia and Bulgaria, and the Russian and Austrain armies are being actively and secretly arming in anticipation of war. Much color is given to these reports by heavy orders for stores and ammunitions of war placed by agents of the Russian and Austrian governments in this city.

The Grant Monument.

There is a bad feeling among the members of the memorial committee appointed to raise the million-dollar Grant monument fund. This unpleasantness grew out of the publication of the names of the entire committee, with the amount of money subscribed by each to the fund, a publication which disclosed the fact that several hundred of the committee who have so constantly appealed to the public for subscriptions have not expended one dollar themselves.

GRANT, McClellan, Hendricks, Alfonso, Vanderbilt all have died during the last five months. Death is no respecter of greatness and our ranks are being rapidly thinned.

THE Indianapolis Journal thinks Kentucky deserves to be called the "mother of Speakers," because it has been honored with the office eleven times.

THE Rothchilds estates of England are estimated at one billion dollars, or five times as great a sum as Vanderbilt leaves. A thousand million dollars!

A ROMAN astronomer announces that the inhabitants of the planet Mars are trying to attract the attention of the people of the earth.

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS never swore an oath nor took drink of whisky or a chew of tobacco.

To Our Friends and Patrons:

On beginning the New Year, we desire to express our thanks to our many friends for the very liberal patronage so cordially bestowed on us the past year. The year just closed has been the most successful one in the career of this house, our trade far exceeding even our own expectations. It is our wish to still further increase it the coming year, and build up a trade second to none in this section. With this object in view, we shall continue our old policy, of selling first-class goods only at low prices, with fair dealing toward all, believing this to be the only true and sure road to success in our business.

Our force this year will consist of Ches. Smith, Lee Ellison, Tim Walton, Cam Rice, and Wil. Baltzer in the Dry Goods department, and Alf. McDaniel and Eugene Naylor in the Grocery—a force of clerks which insures polite attention to all our customers. Each one will be glad to meet all his friends the coming year, and to make as many new ones as possible.

Thanking you again for your generous patronage, and trusting that our efforts to please you in the future, will meet with the same hearty appreciation as in the past, we wish you, one and all, a happy New Year, and the same success in your different avocations as we have had for the past year.

Very respectfully,
H. BUCHANAN.

The war in Europe seems to have petered out, as nothing has appeared about it in the cablegrams for several days.

MARRIED,

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs Sue Bransford, of Fulton county, Ky., at 7 o clock, P. M., Dec. 22nd, 1885, by Rev. N. P. Ramsey, Mr. D. E. Reeves and Miss Lula May Bransford.

ATTENDANTS—Mr. E. F. Thomas and Miss Emma Searce; Mr. Will Naylor and Miss Mattie Luton.

The bride was elegantly dressed in pearl white brocade silk with cream lace and ribbon decorations. The bridesmaids were radiant in their dresses of cream nun's veiling.

The groom and his attendants were attired in the usually impressive costume of black with white satin ties and black kid gloves.

After the ceremony the bridal party with their many relatives and friends, partook of an elegant supper prepared by the bride's mother, which was enjoyed by all. After wishing these worthy young people much joy and happiness in their wedded life, the merry throng departed to meet them again the following morn to partake of a sumptuous dinner given in honor of the occasion, by the groom's parents.

May flowers, like dewy gems, a-lure
Life's sunny path where'er they tread,
And skies all smushiny as the morn,
Select of blessings on them shed.

And when life's twilight hour shall come,
And parting words to earth are given,
May welcoming angels wing them home,
To live and love again in heaven.

BY FRIENDS.

CHRISTMAS KNOTS.

On Dec 24th, E. E. Sotterfield and Mrs. Henrietta Wallis.

On Dec. 27th, J. O. Armstrong and Miss Mollie Hackett.

On Dec. 27th, B. J. Hertweck and Miss E. M. Piggott.

On Dec. 30th, C. C. Donaho and Miss Ellen Hubber.

COLORED.

On Dec. 24th, Will Gardner and Rosa Browder.

On Dec. 25th, Allen Freeman and Hettie Browder.

On Dec. 28th, Henry Williams and Mattie Fettsworth.

On Dec 30th, Hilroy Jones and Bettie Carson.

Council Proceedings.

HICKMAN, KY., Dec. 23, 1885.

Council met. Present, Councilmen Beckman, Case, DeBow, French, Ramage and Witting.

On motion, Councilman Case was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SETTLEMENT.

The finance committee reported the following settlement with the City Tax Collector:

Total amount tax book	$5,311.14
Less delinquent list	120 58
	$5,190.56
Cr. by 5 % on $5,190.56 $259 53	
" Treasurer's receipt, $4,972 94	$5,232 47
Overpaid by collector	$41.91

On motion, said settlement was approved and a check ordered issued to G. M. Wilburn, tax collector, for $41 91, amount overpaid.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

The following accounts were presented properly approved, and on motion, were ordered paid:

Hertweck, Baltzer & Co., repairing tools	$ 2.25
Jno. Witting, nails	7 10
G. M. Wilburn, for City Hall	3 85
R. E. Millet, City Court Docket	13.75
Street Payroll	40 50
Gravel contract	166 20

PAYING OFFICERS.

On motion, ordered that all the city officers settle with the finance committee and that said settlements be reported at the next meeting.

On motion, ordered that checks be issued to all the city officers for six month's pay.

STREET COMMISSIONER, &C.

On motion, ordered that a check be issued G. M. Wilburn for $200 00 in full for street commissioner, City Marshal, and waiting on Council.

On motion, ordered that the assessment of Goodhart and Ackland for 1885 be remitted.

On motion, Council adjourned.

Attest, R. E. MILLET, C. C.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

WHEAT.—No. 2, offered at 92c; bid 00c.

HAY.—Strictly prime, $11.00; mixed, $9.50; fancy choice, $12.50.

CORN.—White, 32@34c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Good steers, $4 60 to $5.00; common, $3 50 to $4.00; scalawags, $1.50 to $2.00; milch cows, $20 00 to $55.00; veal calves $8 00 to $11 00.

MULES.—14 hands, 4 to 7 years, $80.00 to $85.00; 16 to 16½ hands, 4 to 7 years, $150.00 to $175 00.

HORSES.—Heavy draft, $125 00 to $160; good drivers, $80.00 to $110.00; plugs $15.00 to $40 00.

HOGS.—Butchers and packers paying from $3 60 to $3.85.

HICKMAN MARKET.

CORN.—Hickman buyers are paying 30c in the ear and 32c shelled, sacked and delivered at depot.

New Orleans market paying from 43c to 45c.

CITY ITEMS.

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All heart Cypress Shingles, first-class in every respect, kept constantly on hand, and for sale at lowest prices.
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THE HICKMAN COURIER.

A Compliment to Capt. Stone.

The Owensboro Messenger says: The Paducah Standard says Capt. Stone will have no formidable opposition to his re-election. How any regular Democrat in the First district could oppose Capt. Stone just after he has so gallantly lead the party out of the wilderness and when all others were [illegible] to encounter the Turner lion, is hard to understand. But it is pretty well determined that Turner will again be a candidate next year. That would scare off Stone's other opponents if common decency did not prevent their opposing his re-election under other circumstances. Stone is a man of high character, and enjoys the full confidence of his constituents and administration. He need not fear a contest with Turner or any one else.

The Exemption Law.

Bowling Green Times.]

The new exemption law, passed by the last Legislature, has been applied recently in this county to the dire discomfort of various and sundry creditors. It has been the custom among those who rent lands to tenants to levy on the tobacco crop of the latter to pay rent. The new exemption law was plead recently, in one of the Magistrate's courts in a case of this kind, and the land owners are considerably indignant over its working. A man is allowed about $750 in property or cash exempt from debts and it is nearly impossible to make a debt off a poor man, unless it is recorded by mortgage on the growing crop. There seems to be prevalent a desire for the Legislature to repeal the law.

AMONG the miscellaneous articles purchased for the use of United States Senators, and by them charged to the Republic, are baronial envelopes, the English quarterly magazines, the American magazines, including St. Nicholas and the Nursery, common-sense inks, shears, magic pencils, whistles, silver and porcelain toothpicks, anti-nervous pen-holders, pearl glove hooks, card plates and cards, cork-screws, sugar spoons, Apollinaris water, granulated sugar, ginger ale, lemons, lemons queezers, dippers, tumblers, "one punch bowl for lemonade," salts of tartar, spirits of ammonia, castor oil, cologne, soft soap, and repairs to a tricycle. It is supposed that these luxuries serve to quiet the Senatorial conscience in the matter of the trade dollar. Let the old boys have 'em.

GOV. HUBBARD, of Texas, our Minister to Japan, has been shocking court circles by his home spun ways. The French Minister called him "Monsieur" at a public dinner table, and Hubbard snorted out: "Don't monsieur me. I have been Governor of the State of Texas, which is three or four times as big as the whole of your old France." This was a natural mistake, because old Hubbard thought "Monsieur" was an epithet. Hubbard is the man who, on being told by a friend that his wife was in bed with cerebro-spinal meningetis, replied indignantly: "Why don't you get a shotgun and kill the d—d Italian scoundrel!"

GEN. BEAUREGARD will give a history of the Shiloh Campaign in the January number of the North American Review. He claims that Gen. Albert Sydney Johnson acted only as a corps commander at Shiloh. Gen. Beauregard emphatically asserts (contrary to the common belief) that he was the sole commander on both days, and without naming them, controverts the reports of Grant and Sherman as to the nation's forces being taken by surprise.

IF the grumbler of the "hard times" had visited the stores of this city during the past week, they would have been satisfied that the so-called hard times had no effect toward hardening the hearts or drawing the pursestrings of those who delight to maintain a merry Christmas.

ONE of the Presidential succession bills introduced into Congress provides that two Vice-Presidents be elected at each general election. Besides its tendency to complicate politics the plan has serious objections, and is not likely to be adopted.

CONGRESS will reassemble on the 5th of January. Nearly one thousand bills were introduced during the first two weeks of the session, and that this record will be beaten after the holiday recess there can be but little doubt.

THE indications are that during the year 1886 the work of building new railroad lines will exhibit great activity. In the Southern States east of the Mississippi river, 178 new lines have been projected.

A Real Problem.

"Prices continue low" the universal complaint in all trades, and as long as prices continue low business is depressed and destitute of animation, employment inactive, wages low, and those who live by their labor discontented and restless. Temporary depressions of trade are to be expected and submitted to, but the present condition of things is not temporary and transient, [illegible] prevailed for nearly two years, and the predicted "boom" that is to end it does not come. Many business men are settling down in the conviction that low prices have come to stay, and the only thing to be done is for all kinds of business to adjust themselves to the new order of things and make the best of it. But what does this mean? How is business to adjust itself to a condition of permanent low prices in which there is no margin for profit, or a very small one?

These are hard questions to answer, and if a full and satisfactory answer is ever given at all it will probably involve a greater change than we imagine. The evil is world-wide, and the remedy will have to be world-wide too. It is said the prices of grain are low because there is too much of it in the world; and yet there are millions who are hungry. There are too many pairs of shoes made with the machines now employed by the factories; and yet many persons go half barefoot. There is too much cloth and clothing in the world; yet millions are ragged and half clad. Perhaps if the truth could be known, there is not a real excess of any good thing in the world, if only all the world's inhabitants could have a reasonable supply. Suppose every man, woman and child in the United States that needs a pair of shoes should get them, is there not reason for believing the whole visible stock of shoes would be exhausted, and the factories have to go actively to work with their whole force, to make more? If every person in the land who needs a suit of clothes for his body, or a carpet for his floor, or a blanket for his bed, were to be supplied, does anyone doubt that the stocks of clothing, carpets and blankets would be swept out, and the effort to replace them would give employment to the idle, stop the complaints of the discontented, revive the pleasant hum of industry, and diffuse activity and animation through the land?

The real problem, then, is to increase consumption. The world ought to use all it produces—increasing its consumption at an even pace with the increased production which improved machinery affords. This is to be done, of course, by increasing the capacity of the hungry, the barefooted and the half-clad to purchase the comforts they so sorely need. It is difficult, no doubt, to tell just how this is to be effected; but it ought to be, and, perhaps, will have to be effected in some way or other. All the vital interests of society lie in the direction of increasing the capacity of the needy millions to buy the comforts and necessaries they require.

The New Mormon Bill.

SENATOR EDMUNDS of Vermont is supposed to be a cool-headed and self-possessed man; but he seems to have lost his balance and become "rattled" on the subject of Mormonism. His new bill introduced in the senate contains some provisions which sound strange on American ears. One requires that fourteen of the trustees of the Mormon church shall be government officers appointed by the President, with the object of giving the government a representation on the board. These trustees are to make annual reports to the secretary of the interior. Another section annuls the territorial charter of the Perpetual Emigration Fund company, and prohibits the territorial legislature to create any corporation or association for the purpose of bringing persons into the territory. The law allowing women to register and vote is annulled; and so is the law allowing illegitimate children to inherit their father's property—together with many other acts of the territorial legislature.

County Convention.

The Democrats of Fulton county are respectfully requested to meet in Mass Convention, at the Court-house, in Hickman,

MONDAY, JAN. 11TH, 1886,

to take such steps and make such expressions in regard to the approaching race for Judge of the Court of Appeals, or any other matters affecting the public welfare, as the wisdom of the Democrats then and there assembled may approve. Any and all Democrats respectfully urged to attend and participate.

GEORGE WARREN,
Chairman Fulton County Democratic Committee.

AN OPPRESSED CONTINENT.

The Cry of Distress From the Old World.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—If the ghost of the Christmas of the present day could have taken Columbia over the expanse of the old world Friday night, she would have realized as never before the full measure of her own miraculously blessed condition among the nations of the earth. Here in Europe our heart aches at the bounding misery which the season's merriment illuminates. The suffering among the poor of London, which is always great, is now said to be unprecedented, and the usual efforts at a Christmas alleviation seems to have been paralyzed by the immensity of the task, for comparatively little organized charity has been reported. Any day during the past fortnight one could see thousands of faint and ragged wretches prowling outside the wharves, each ready to fight the other in order to be one of a score who were admitted to a day's work for 40 cents if a ship happened to come in. Everywhere business is reported to be worse than it was a year ago. It is said that not a single Christmas publication has yielded a profit. At the London docks less than one-half the quantity of wine has been taken out of bond that was taken out last year. More tangible luxuries suffer in the same way. When it was stated a year ago that the British ship-building industries were off half a million tons it seemed that the worst showing had passed, but the report now is likely to show another diminution and one nearly as great.

This is a sample of all industries, while the farmers' prices have reached the starvation point, and yet the cost of the necessaries of life is greater than it was then, owing to the grievous condition of the middle men, whom the long credit system leads to plunder cash customers. While the price of cattle is almost halved, butchers charge as high as ever, and the Kent farmers are combining to do their own killing in order to get rid of the butchers altogether. The budget, too, will show a large decrease in receipts despite the increased taxation.

Across the channel the same warning is chanted. From Paris, of course, we expect to hear nothing but lamentation; but the fierce prolongation of the political wrangle into holiday week and the grave uncertainty of the near future seem to have made the business stagnation worse than ever. Copenhagen is sullen and gloomy under a martial law with threats of revolution in the air. Italy has a Christmas present in the form of news that King John of Abysinia is about to declare war on account of the Massowak affair, which means many additional millions to the tax burden. Vienna is in a deplorable frame of mind, with cholera at Trieste, riots in Crotia, and both as heavy a financial damage caused by the collapse of her principal debtor, Servia, and a national humiliation at the loss of her Balken prestige.

A TOUGH ROMANCE.

Detectives to Guard the President.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—The Penny Press, an afternoon paper here, publishes a story to the effect that five Pinkerton detectives passed through this city from Chicago, on their way to Washington, for the purpose of looking after the personal safety of President Cleveland. One of the party, named McGuire, stated they were ordered to Washington by way of Philadelphia, where they were to be joined by five men from the branch agency there, the ten to proceed to Washington for special duty at the White House. On their arrival in the Capital they were to be fully instructed as to their duties.

"What do you suppose is the reason for this precaution?", asked the reporter.

"We were talking the matter over on our way here, and concluded that a plot of some kind had been discovered; but whether against the President's life or not, I am not prepared to state. We expect to remain in Washington for some time. Each of us has a trunk along. Gen. Sheridan's Orderly has visited the Pinkerton headquarters during the past few days several times.

EVIDENTLY A CANARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is said at the White House that there is no truth in, nor any foundation for, the story published by the Pittsburg Penny Press, that a number of detectives are coming to Washington to look after the personal safety of the President.

THE Fiske Jubilee singers, who are colored people, will probably have to abandon their Northern tour, owing to the refusal of the hotels throughout that section to receive them.

An Effort Being Made to Bring Democrats Together.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A Washington special to the Transcript says: A number of prominent Democratic Representatives, among them Speaker Carlisle, have been in conference for the last few days for the purpose of devising some way to prevent a conflict between the President and Congress on the silver question. They have reached the conclusion that unless some compromise is agreed upon between the extreme men on both sides of the question, an interminable conflict with the administration is inevitable.

With a view to prevent this, Speaker Carlisle has had several interviews with the President, whom he finds well disposed to treat the convictions of the extremists with fair consideration. The Speaker, finding the President so well disposed, suggested that a compromise of some kind be agreed upon, to which the President is said to have heartily assented.

It is now thought by many that after the convening of Congress a call for a caucus of Democratic Senators and Representatives will be issued for the purpose of adjusting this matter if possible. Among the plans proposed is the passage of the bill to limit the coinage of silver to two hundred and fifty million and to leave it discretionary with the President whether that amount shall be increased or not. Another plan to issue certificates of ones, tw[illegible] and fives, based either on bul[illegible] or coined dollars in the treas[illegible] The idea of this compromise [illegible] conciliate silver men and [illegible] them an opportunity to pre[illegible] ing their political status with [illegible] constituents. Members who [illegible] this matter in charge are ho[illegible] that a compromise of this [illegible] will be agreed upon.

Settled at Last.

Owensboro Messenger]

Contrary all expectations, t[illegible] torneys of Mrs. Lucas anno[illegible] to the county court Tuesday [illegible] ing that she had no defe[illegible] make against the rule [illegible] against her at the instance [illegible] T. Duncan, and it was made [illegible] lute. Mr. Duncan later v[illegible] Mrs. Lucas and assured her [illegible] while he was anxious to get [illegible] session of the jail property as [illegible] as possible, he would not in[illegible] convenience her, and would give [illegible] ample opportunity to find another residence. She delivered the [illegible] of the jail and the court-house [illegible] him at 4 P. M, and by agreement continues to diet the prisoners until she makes her arrangements to move. The jailership is one [illegible] the most lucrative offices in th[illegible] county. Mrs. Lucas has held [illegible] about seventeen months, since her husband's death. She has a large family to support and has many sympathizers. Mr. Duncan, like others who became candidates, was governed in the outset by legal advice to the effect that a woman could not lawfully hold the office, and in all subsequent proceedings has acted under directions of counsel. He feels that the office has been rightfully his own since the day he qualified, but has no disposition to take any of the fees that have been paid Mrs. Lucas, or that may accrue while she yet remains in the jailer's residence.

A COSTLY FREAK.

An Express Agent Steals $8,000

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—A man named Wm. E. Page, an Adams Express messenger, dressed in woman's clothes, was brought into police headquarters last night by detective Frank Erskine, and taken into Capt. Fruchte's private office, where he produced from various parts of his clothing $6,800. In a statement made by the prisoner after he was placed in a cell, he said he was express agent and telegraph operator at Golden City, Barton county, Mo; that he had stolen the money found on him, and more besides, which he did not know what had become of. He said he got drunk on Christmas day and had been drunk ever since. The money came from the Bank of Commerce of Kansas City to Aldrich, Niles & Co., of Golden City. He knew it was coming, and when it arrived he took it and all the other money in the office, went to his home, bundled up a lot of his wife's clothes, went into the woods, dressed himself, and took a train for Sprinfield, Mo. There he boarded a St. Louis & San Francisco train for St. Louis, and was arrested by Erskine between Pacific City and St. Louis. He says there were $8,000 in the package he stole, but he claims not to know where the remainder is. The detectives, however, think he secreted it.

DAVIESS county's female jailer still refuses to vacate, in spite of the adverse decision of the Court of Appeals.

JUDGE BIGGER.

Interviewed by a Louisville Post Reporter.

The Louisville Post of Monday contains the following interview: "Judge Bigger, of Paducah, was circulating among the Solons, though he is not of them. He is heart and soul for the election of his personal friend, Mr Spalding. Said he: 'I am for Spalding, not only because he is my friend, but because he is every inch a man fit for the place. As to the Legislature as a body, I am most favorably impressed with it. It is composed of good timber. The main question which will come up before it will probably be the revenue laws. There is enough work on that item alone to keep 138 men very busy for sixty days. The method of assessing property is all wrong, and ought to be changed. Instead of assessing it every year it could just as easily be done every four or five years, saving a large sum to the State every year. Then the manner of paying taxes needs attention. Let the payer pay directly to the officer appointed to receive it, and let the Sheriff have only the delinquents. This would save thousands of dollars every year. I do not think anything will be done concerning the Constitutional Convention. The people do not seem to be ready for that yet, and they will not be forced.

[illegible] am not in politics at present [illegible] I am looking toward the [illegible] when the wrong that was [illegible] ne in the convention that [illegible] ted Judge Bowden for the [illegible] r Court will be righted. I [illegible] rly entitled to that nomi[illegible] when that young man, [illegible] from Allen county, see[illegible] I was nominated, jumped [illegible] changed the vote of his [illegible] om me to Bowden, giv[illegible] the nomination on a [illegible] hen Allen county had [illegible] ucted for me. My friends [illegible] in my fighting for my [illegible] t I decided to bide my [illegible] wait for another four [illegible] ll around. Within one [illegible] d the Superior Court [illegible] d, it will again be nec[illegible] make a nomination. [illegible] uber of that last con[illegible] ow that I was unfairly

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